

PLAN MONUMENT TO SANTA CLAUS

New York to Erect Building to Exemplify Spirit of Christmas

LESS POVERTY THIS YEAR

Stocks of Food Provided for Dinners in New York Are More Than Sufficient

GREATER CALL FOR CLOTHING

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—This was a merry Xmas in New York in spite of mild and foggy weather. Charitable agencies united tonight in declaring there is far less poverty than there was a year ago and that stocks of food which had been provided for the usual Christmas dinners were more than sufficient. The surplus will be distributed among the poor. There was greater call for clothing than for food. So many garments have been sent to Belgium that not enough are left to supply the needy here, it was reported. Most of those who applied today for dinners at missions and other similar institutions were aged and infirm. It was said there was no lack of employment for those willing and able to work.

Prediction was made at the post-office that when the figures are compiled it will be found all records have been broken in the sale of stamps to carry gifts and in the shipment of Christmas packages by parcel post. Carriers told all day delivering belated presents.

Christmas day brought the announcement that architects have been commissioned to prepare plans for a monument to Santa Claus in the form of a building which will serve as headquarters in this city for the international Santa Claus association. While the structure will be designed for utilitarian purposes it is intended to exemplify the spirit of Christmas. The plans will provide for a hall where children play and a bazaar for the free exhibition of new toys to encourage the toy making industry in this country.

London, Dec. 25.—The people of London spent Christmas in a depressing atmosphere of fog and rain. The city was filled with soldiers, many thousands of mud-stained veterans from the trenches having received a short holiday leave. The last of these men on furlough arrived at the London terminal as late as midday, having been delayed by a rough passage across the channel which left many of them still pale and miserable when they reached London.

The great charitable institutions celebrated the day with tremendous energy. There was ample provision for homeless soldiers, both home and colonial for the wounded, for prisoners and interned aliens and for the wives and families of the men at the front. The hospitals were bright with flowers and gifts, while visitors literally overran the already crowded wards, each patient being allowed two or three visitors at a time. Carol singers and entertainers of various types provided amusement at the hospitals and internment camps.

Special services were held in virtually all the churches and attended by large congregations. War was the almost invariable subject of the sermons.

Provide for Thousands.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 25.—Newspapers, charitable institutions and philanthropic private citizens joined hands here today in making this a merry Christmas for the thousands of children of the St. Louis poor. Ten thousand children filled the Coliseum where music, gifts of fruit, candy, toys and wearing apparel, a gigantic tree and a real Christmas dinner were provided by a publicly subscribed fund managed by an afternoon newspaper.

In another part of the city 3,000 homeless men were treated to a chicken dinner provided by the same fund. The Provident association was host for 1,000 other homeless while a private citizen played Santa Claus to 1,000 children.

Entertain Children. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 25.—Candy and toys made Christmas merrier for ten thousand children who trooped into convention hall as guests of the mayor's Christmas tree association here today. A vaudeville entertainment was given after the gifts had been distributed from two immense Christmas trees. This was the principal public celebration in Kansas City the outdoor Christmas festivities planned to take place on the Union Station plaza having been postponed on account of the blizzard which yesterday and last night swept over this section bringing the first real snow of the season.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Festivities in the open air marked Christmas in numerous cities of the Pa-

SEEKS RESTITUTION OF FUNDS PAID OUT

ATTORNEYS FOR FERGUS FILE TWO AMENDED BILLS

Attacks Total of \$108,803.87 Apportioned by Legislature as Deficiency Bills as Unconstitutional, Illegal and Void.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 25.—Restitution of funds paid out on alleged illegal appropriation by State Auditor James J. Brady and State Treasurer Andrew Russell is asked in two amended bills filed in the circuit court of Sangamon county today by attorneys for John B. Fergus. Fergus is the Chicago taxpayer who has succeeded in tying up a number of appropriations of the Forty-Ninth General Assembly and which necessitated the calling of an extra session of the legislature to repass defective appropriation bills.

A total amount of \$408,803.87 apportioned by the legislature as deficiency bills are attacked in the amended bill as unconstitutional, illegal and void.

The bill charges that various departments, commissions and offices exceeded the revenue authorized to be raised by law during the biennial period ending September 30th.

The practice of the legislature in paying private relief claims is attacked. Relief claims to the amount of \$16,500 were presented to the legislature and both houses attempted to pass appropriations to pay for same.

It is contended that this action was illegal because none of the claims had been filed with the state board of claims and the claimants never had recovered any judgments against the state.

The bill concludes by asking the court to fix the amounts that were paid out on the alleged illegal appropriations and to compel the state auditor and state treasurer to make restitution for same.

RAINTSORM DRIVES PRESIDENT AND BRIDE FROM GOLF LINKS

Both Are Drenched Before They Reach Hotel, a Mile Away—Neither Suffer Any Serious Effects.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 25.—President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson were driven from the golf links here today by a heavy rainstorm which broke suddenly and drenched both of them before they could reach their hotel, a mile away. Despite the cold mountain air, however, it was said at the hotel tonight that neither had suffered any serious effects, tho the president caught a slight cold.

With secret service guards acting as caddies, the couple had just started around the links when the first rain drops fell. They immediately turned back for the hotel and as the storm became heavier the president removed his coat and threw it about Mrs. Wilson's shoulders. Even this did not save her from a thorough drenching.

At the hotel other guests offered such first-aid preventatives as were at hand but the president laughingly refused to accept. This evening the President and Mrs. Wilson ate a Virginia Christmas dinner together in their private suite. More than fifty Christmas gifts, sent by relatives, members of the president's official family and close friends, were delivered at the presidential suite today. There also were hundreds of messages of Christmas greetings and congratulations.

Prior to the trip to the golf links the couple did not leave their suite during the day, plans for a motor ride during the afternoon having been abandoned because of the storm. They spent several hours writing acknowledgments of gifts and Christmas messages.

OBSERVES TOOTH BIRTHDAY BY SPEECH TO FIFTY DESCENDANTS

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Marie Rein Tschaen Fusz today celebrated her tooth birthday by an after-dinner speech to fifty of her descendants and near relatives.

"I know it must have been an evidence of divine grace to have been permitted to live to such an age," said Mrs. Fusz, "however, I feel that I would really prefer to be in Heaven for all my friends of my girlhood and young womanhood days are there."

Mrs. Fusz got up at 6 o'clock this morning to attend mass, as is her daily custom.

TO PRESENT CAVEAU MONUMENT TO PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 26.—A committee of which Paul Painleve, minister of public instruction is the chairman, has been organized for the object of presenting the city of Paris with a monument in the form of a memory of Miss Edith Cavell.

elle Coast. Everywhere there were beautifully laden trees for children and the distribution by charitable institutions of substantial cheer to the poor. At Los Angeles a feature of the celebration was the production of "the nativity", pageant performed in the open by 400 actors.

Give Dinner to Newsboys.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 25.—Scores of Norfolk newsboys were treated to Christmas dinners on the Battleships New Hampshire, Vermont and Louisiana today. Special launches were provided to carry the boys to the ships. After the dinner each was given a bag of candy, two handkerchiefs, a necktie and a knife.

REPORTS PREDICT MOVE IN BALKANS

Greek Observers Believe Teutons Are Preparing Huge Army

GERMANS RULE SERBIA

Issue Proclamations Announcing That They Will Respect Serbian Nationality

AUSTRIANS ARE ENTRENCHING

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Dispatches from the continent predict that the holiday lull will first be broken on the Balkan front, where Greek observers believe the central powers are preparing a huge army for operations directed against the entente. Whether this will take the form of an actual attack on Saloniki, or merely an advance into Greece for the purpose of seizing strategic defensive points, is a matter of keen speculation in Athens.

According to one correspondent, the Greek government has definitely decided not to permit the enemies of the entente to penetrate Greek territory unless the central powers satisfactorily guarantee that Greek territory will not be endangered.

According to dispatches from a Serbian source, the Germans have established a provisional government at Nish, withdrawing all the Bulgarian and Austrian troops and ending Bulgarian interference in the administration of Serbian affairs. It is added that proclamations have been issued announcing that the Germans will respect Serbian nationality.

There has been no news of importance from the British correspondents at Athens and Saloniki since Friday.

Austrians Are Entrenching. The Montenegro official communication states that the Austrians are entrenching on a front between Montenegro and Serbia, which British experts take to mean a pause in the active Austrian campaign against the little mountain country, presumably to enable the Austrian forces to be turned to more pressing matters on other fronts.

A quietness has been put on the talk of a huge German peace campaign from Zurich by the departure from that town of Prince von Buelow and his staff of secretaries, of which much has been heard in the entente press during the past few days.

In England, David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, is the chief figure for the moment. This is no holiday period for him, as he is in the midst of the most important work of persuading the trade unionists to consent to his scheme of "labor dilution."

Visits St. Notch Factory. Yesterday he visited the St. Notch factory where his scheme is already in operation and where further development is in this direction are contemplated. It is stated that Mr. Lloyd-George's party was much impressed with the efficient manner in which the women, introduced under the dilution scheme, were already executing useful work on machines.

EARL DERBY ISSUES BOOKLET ON ADMINISTRATION OF GROUP SYSTEM

LONDON, Dec. 25.—It is announced officially that the armistice scheme which is already in force for men enrolled under the Derby plan, has been extended to give the right to wear a special armistice to men who have been refused for military service on account of medical reasons.

Earl Derby has issued a booklet on the administration of the group system. He says in a prefatory note: "It is recognized by the general staff that the duration of the war will depend on the man-power the allies are able to put into the field. If it were possible for the allies to put in the field such an overwhelming majority of men and guns that no matter what the cost the offensive could be pursued until the enemy armies were largely destroyed and their country invaded, the war would not be prolonged. Every man who can possibly be spared for the army and navy directly assists in shortening the war and thereby diminishes the industrial loss."

GEN. CASTELNAU HIS LONG CONFERENCE WITH GEN. SARRAIL

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Saloniki correspondent of the Corriere Della Sera (Milan) says that General Castelnau, chief of the French general staff, who has just arrived has had a long conference with General Sarrail, the French commander in the near East.

General Castelnau's visit under the present circumstances is of great importance, says the correspondent, "and the best proof that the decisions taken by him are in accord with General Sarrail's views, is to be found in the fact that trans-ports are being loaded and only now is the great expeditionary corps being organized."

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

BALLINGER, Texas, Dec. 25.—R. L. Harwell, Jr., 11 years old, was fatally burned early today while inspecting his Christmas stocking at a fire place in his home here. His nightgown caught fire from the grate.

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 25.—One man was killed and three injured here today in the collision of two automobile fire trucks which crashed together at high speed while answering a fire alarm. Robert Glass, 27, was killed instantly.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 25.—B. D. Davis, 94 years old, said to be the father of forty-one children, thirty-three of whom are living, was married today in Cabool, Mo., to Mrs. M. Macon, 39. Davis previously had been married three times. He has been in good health and declared he was getting lonesome.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 25.—John W. Rogers, a pioneer shoe merchant and politician, was shot but not seriously injured by a burglar, whom he found in his home on returning from a Christmas party tonight.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 25.—Charles W. Smith of Mitchell, Ill., widely known horseman, was killed and George Link, also of Mitchell, was injured, probably fatally, when an interurban car struck their buggy ten miles north of St. Louis tonight.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—A Havas dispatch from Venice says it has been decided not to hold the twelfth international exposition of arts in Venice in 1916.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 25.—The naval department order prohibiting shore leave for men on the interned German cruisers Prinz Eitel Friedrich and Kron Prinz Wilhelm, imposed October 12, because of broken paroles, was suspended today long enough to permit attendance at Christmas service at Portsmouth.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—University of New York has decided to offer scholarships for students in Latin American countries, it was announced today. The governments will be invited to nominate annually men and women candidates, ten of whom will be selected for admission to the university. Their scholarships will be based in any of the departments except those of law and medicine.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 25.—William D. Mann, railroad man and theatrical promoter, died here today of pneumonia. He was 55 years old. He was married in Paris, France, to Marguerita Silva, an opera singer.

BERLIN, Dec. 25 (by wireless to Saville).—A special dispatch from Sofia says the Overseas News Agency reports an attempt to land at Kavala, European Turkey, of Anglo-French troops from Gallipoli. The Greek commander at Kavala, however, protested against this.

RATING OF MASTER-AT-ARMS IN NAVY WILL SOON BE ABOLISHED

Passing of 'Jimmy Legs' Is Told in Annual Report of Bureau of Navigation.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The passing of Jimmy Legs, which is a man-of-war's name for the master-at-arms, charged with the duty of maintaining discipline, is told in the annual report of the bureau of navigation. The report says the number of men in that rating has been reduced and that the rating itself soon will be abolished.

"It is not believed," says the report, "that a special police force is not necessary aboard ship. Every petty officer should be made to feel by virtue of his appointment he has his share of responsibility in maintaining discipline."

"Jimmy Legs" and his mates are traditions handed down from the very beginnings of the British navy. For generations navy jokes have turned about the activities of the master-at-arms and with the abolishment of the rating another of the links is broken that connect the steel clad fighting machines of today with the ships of the line and the gallant frigates of the past.

VILLA IS RELEASED ON BOND AFTER HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 25.—Habeas corpus proceedings before Judge Price in the district court today resulted in the release of Colonel Hipolito Villa under \$10,000 bond after the prisoner had eaten his Christmas dinner in the county jail. Villa had been held under a \$20,000 bail on the charge of bringing stolen property into Texas.

Following his release Villa denied he was trying to leave the country when arrested Wednesday night at San Antonio, declaring he merely went to San Antonio to avoid any possibility of being involved in difficulties incident to a change of government at Juarez.

MUST DEAL DIRECTLY WITH GEN. CARRANZA

Washington, Dec. 25.—If the Rockefeller Foundation and the American Red Cross wish to assist in the fight against typhus fever in Mexico City, as recently indicated, they must deal directly with General Carranza. Ambassador Arredondo said today that even if asked to do so he could not make representations to his government on this subject since the foreign office had not consulted him and he did not regard it as a matter of an international character.

RECOVER STOLEN STOCK CERTIFICATES

Registered Mail Pouch is Rifled and \$500,000 in Securities Taken

TWO NEGROES ARE HELD

Certificates Are Taken While Enroute from Post Office to Railroad Station in Wagon

NEGROES ARE SENT TO JAIL

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 25.—Five hundred thousand dollars in stock certificates and checks, stolen from a registered mail pouch while it was in transit in a wagon from the Wilmington postoffice to the Pennsylvania railway station late Christmas eve, were recovered late tonight in an old stove at the home of two negroes who were driving the vehicle. The mail pouch contained stock certificates and checks estimated to be worth \$550,000. When the pouch reached the station it was found open. All but \$350,000 of the securities and checks were missing.

Arrest Drivers of Wagon. Albert Johnson and Earl Johnson, negroes, drivers of the wagon, were taken in custody today. They are not related. The police say the men are believed to have been the tools of the actual robbers.

The securities were enroute to New York. It was said tonight some were the property of the DuPont company but most of the securities belonged to New York brokers. The postal inspectors would not divulge the brokers' names.

The mail pouch was one of three in the wagon, the other two not containing any registered mail. It is the belief of the police that the stock not recovered can be readily negotiated.

It is the opinion of the police that the negroes permitted the men to ride in the wagon from the postoffice to the railroad station, a distance of a dozen blocks. This gave the men ample time to open the pouch and to select the negotiable securities.

Send Negroes to Jail.

The two negroes were given a hearing by United States Commissioner Mahaffy and each was held in \$3,000 bail for appearance next Thursday. In default of bail they were committed to jail. The men were not employed by the government but were hired by a man who had the contract for carrying the mail between the railroad stations and the postoffice. The negroes were put thru a severe examination by Postal Inspector M. S. Plummer and while he will not say what was learned, it was reported the negroes gave a clue to the robbers.

VOLUNTEER AMERICAN AMBULANCE DRIVER IS KILLED IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Richard Melville Hall of Ann Arbor, Mich., a volunteer driver attached to that section of the American ambulance operating with the French army in Alsace, was killed Christmas eve in the performance of his duty. The news was received by telephone today by the American ambulance committee.

Hall was the 21-year-old son of Prof. H. G. Hall of the University of Michigan. He was one of a group of Dartmouth College recruits who entered the ambulance service last June and when killed he was driving a Dartmouth College field ambulance. He will be given a military funeral at the front tomorrow afternoon.

L. P. Hall, brother of Richard Melville Hall, who is at present serving in the same section, will return at once to Paris.

LAY FOUNDATION OF NEW CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN JUAREZ, MEXICO

EL PASO, Dec. 25.—Foundation of a new civil government was laid today in Juarez the recently surrendered Villa town across the border from here by the appointment of Manuel Prieto as mayor, authorized to establish a police force of 100 men.

General Robles, Carranza's agent for mustering out Villa forces, spent part of the day in Juarez reviewing the rolls of the Villa military organizations while General Obregon and General Calles, the latter arriving early today from Agua Prieta, Sonora, conferred upon plans for the campaign against Zapata forces in the state of Morelos.

EXTEND MORATORIUM.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The moratorium affecting commercial paper has been extended for ninety days and those furnishing supplies to the government or the allies are exempted from the terms of the decree which was published today. Some public criticism of the extension of the moratorium is made, inasmuch as 130 out of 140 chamber of commerce members have gone on record in favor of its extension, as well as in favor of bringing an end to the abnormal conditions under which commerce and industry have been burdened for seventeen months.

PROMINENT CHINESE IS MURDERED IN FRISCO

ASSASSIN ESCAPES AND IS UNRECOGNIZED

Wong Yuen Yung is Shot While Attending a Chinese Christmas Banquet—Former Editor of Paper Favoring Return to Monarchy.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Wong Yuen Yung, former editor of the Asiatic News, a paper published at Shanghai, China, as the official organ of Chinese favoring a return to the monarchical form of government was shot in the back and killed while attending a Chinese Christmas banquet here tonight.

The assassin escaped and was unrecognized.

Wong had taken his Christmas dinner in a public dining room with C. Y. Kuo, and C. T. Loh, both Chinese commissioners in the Panama-Pacific Exposition from Chi Li province, China. In the adjoining banquet hall hundreds of prominent Chinese were seated at dinner. Wong left his companions for a moment to light a cigarette at the cashier's desk. Just as he was about to return to his table an unidentified Chinese fired two shots both of which took effect. Wong fell and crawled to the room he had left a moment before. He was dead when medical aid reached him.

The assassin threw his weapon to the floor and dashed down a long stairway to the street where he disappeared.

Wong Yuen Yung was said to be a cousin of Yuan Shi Kai, head of the Chinese government. He resigned his post as editor of the Asiatic News last November after the building which housed the newspaper plant had been bombed supposedly by persons desirous of maintaining the Chinese republic. He came at once to San Francisco and had been living quietly in a hotel here.

Prominent Chinese said tonight that Wong came to this country on a secret mission, the nature of which was not hinted at. Whether he still favored the monarchical form of government for his native land or had transferred his allegiance to the Republicans was not known.

CABEDRA ARRANGES TERMS OF SURRENDER OF GEN. RODRIGUEZ

Conference is Held With Gen. Obregon at Casas Grandes.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 25.—General Cabedra and two other Villa officers arrived at Casas Grandes today and held a conference with General Obregon. It was said they arranged terms for the surrender of General Jose Rodriguez and 800 Villa soldiers now at Casas Grandes and vicinity. The officers returned tonight to Casas Grandes.

General Rodriguez is the last officer with any considerable following in Chihuahua state who has not formally acknowledged the authority of the Carranza government.

General Obregon announced tonight that General Jacinto Trevino, Carranza commander who recently took possession of Chihuahua City had been instructed to leave that city for the northwest over the Mexican Northwestern railroad and to clean up the scattered bands of Villa forces along that line. This move will bring him in contact with General Villa if the latter is still at the Bustillos ranch where he was last reported. He will also encounter General Madinaveita, Villa's chief of staff who was last heard from at Madera from whence he sent a message asking for terms of surrender.

HOLD MEETINGS IN ENDEAVOR TO AROUSE PEACE SENTIMENT

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 25, via London, Dec. 26.—The members of the Ford peace expedition have held various meetings in an endeavor to arouse a peace sentiment in Sweden. These meetings were not accorded an official character. The Swedish peace and arbitration league decided that it was unable officially to recognize the expedition, because the expedition came without official recognition in America.

Those who have been in charge of the expedition since Mr. Ford's departure for the United States say that they are still without a definite program of procedure. The members of the peace mission will leave Stockholm next Wednesday night and arrive at Copenhagen Thursday. Information has been received that it will be impossible to go to The Hague thru Germany. Hence this will necessitate the chartering of a steamer from Denmark and proceeding to The Hague by the sea. The peace sessions will end about January 7th, when most of the members of the party will return to the United States.

ORDER INVESTIGATIONS.

Rome, Dec. 25.—While reports continue to be received here of the sufferings of the Armenians the representations made by Monsignor Bulet, apostolic delegate, Constantinople, to the Turkish government so far have not produced the desired effect. The Ottoman officials have replied that investigations have been ordered and they are waiting reports from those entrusted with the inquiry.

U. S. MARINE CORPS NEEDS 7,200 MEN

Annual Report of Gen. Barnett is Made Public

ENUMERATES DUTIES

Commandant Recommends Purchase of Advance Base Material for the Marines

WOULD BUY CAMP GROUNDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—An additional 7,200 officers and men are needed by the marine corps for adequate performance of its manifold duties in the opinion of Major General George Barnett, commandant, as expressed in his annual report made public tonight. Since the policy of the navy general board has been to keep the corps at one fifth of the total enlisted strength of the navy however, General Barnett recommends that addition at present of only 1,500 men, 60 officers and 23 warrant officers.

Secretary Daniels has asked congress for this enlargement of the corps.

General Barnett enumerates the duties of the marine corps as follows:

As detachments aboard active ships or those in reserve or under construction, as defense forces assigned to the "duty of seizing, fortifying and defending advance bases;" as mobile forces for supporting advance base detachments for expeditionary duty such as that recently performed in Mexico, Haiti, Santo Domingo and elsewhere; as military garrisons for navy yards, arsenals and other plants necessary to the upkeep of the fleet and for duty at target ranges, recruit depots, legations abroad, naval prisons and hospitals.

"Based on the experience gained from many expeditions," General Barnett says, "I am strongly of the opinion that a mobile force of not less than 3,500 men [should be maintained on the east coast and one of not less than 1,200 men on the west coast. These forces would also be in readiness at all times for service as a part of the garrison of advance bases, acting as supports to the fixed defense force by protecting the base from hostile landing parties. This duty is of great importance as fortified harbors are very vulnerable to this form of attack. Approximately 3,000 additional men are needed for this purpose."

The report also shows that General Barnett recommends two brigadier generals for the corps and that Secretary Daniels asks for only one in his recommendations to congress. The secretary also reduced the number of majors asked for from nine to six. General Barnett recommends appropriation of \$150,000 for purchase of advance base material for the marines. He also recommends purchase of camp and maneuver grounds.

POSTAL SERVICE DOUBLES.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The postal service has doubled in the last twelve years and during last fiscal year audited transactions reached the 2,000,000,000 mark for the first time, according to annual report of Charles A. Kram, auditor for the postoffice department, made public tonight. Sales of stamps, postal cards and stamped envelopes, the great source of income, netted \$258,000,000 for the year. About \$200,000,000 was paid out in salaries.

COMPLETE BIG WHEAT DEAL.

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 25.—via London.—A wheat deal just completed with the British and French governments involves nearly 3,000,000 pounds sterling and the price is above five shillings a bushel. A sale has also been made to Italy. A cargo for South Africa has brought the record price of five shillings, five pence.

WEATHER FORECAST AND TEMPERATURES.

ILLINOIS—Unsettled with rain or snow and slowly rising temperature Sunday; Monday snow and colder in north, snow or rain and colder in south portions.

Temperatures.

The current, maximum and minimum temperatures as recorded Saturday were:

Jacksonville	26	28	29
Boston	50	52	36
Buffalo	32	48	30
New York	52	54	48
New Orleans	50	52	44
Chicago	22	28	18
Detroit	30	34	30
Omaha	30	32	20
St. Paul	18	18	14
Helena	28	40	26
San Francisco	52	58	44
Winnipeg	22	22	4

CORDIAL GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

Another year is about to pass and, looking back at what we have accomplished, it behooves us to express our appreciation to those whose courtesies and patronage aided us in our progress.

We are thankful to you for the many favors rendered us, and extend to you the season's compliments, with sincere wishes for a joyous and prosperous New Year.

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WITH THE SICK.

George Paul of Webster avenue is kept at his home by illness. Mr. Paul is an old veteran and would be glad to see his old comrades. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Davenport of 1507 East 64th street, Chicago, Christmas day, a son, Milton C. Davenport. Homer Davenport is the son of James H. Davenport of Jacksonville. Born, Dec. 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Clay, a 9 pound son, Phillip Percy. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Ferguson, Dec. 19th, a 9 pound daughter, Melvina May Ferguson. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis P. Council, Friday, a 9 1/2 pound daughter, Mildred Lucille. Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dodge of 837 South Clay avenue, Wednesday, Dec. 22, a son.

THE BIRTH RECORD

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Summers of Lorton street, a son. Born, Christmas morning, to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Blackburn at Our Savior's hospital, a daughter. Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Lair, Christmas morning, a daughter.

TURKEY Dinner today, 25 CENTS
a plate. 11:30 to 2. HALL'S Cafe.
Wayne Wright of Carrollton was a visitor in the city yesterday.

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In all lines Christmas business was good this year. Some stores were busier a week or ten days before Christmas than they were on the 24th. The reason is easily found; for the movement to "shop early" inaugurated some years ago and continually emphasized in the press has borne fruit until last day shopping is the exception and not the rule. The effect is helpful in various ways, for early buying is best for storekeeper and customer and insures better express and mail service.

Mr. Frick Does Real Service.

It is not often by one single act that a man can perform a great service to so many people as did Henry O. Frick, the steel magnate, when he supplied the money to pay \$167,136.68 to 41,000 children whose savings had been jeopardized by the failure of a Pittsburgh bank. Mr. Frick heard the story; realized what sorrow the bank failure was bringing to thousands of homes at the very time when happiness should have reigned, and he acted quickly. It is a bold word now in Pittsburgh homes and that his memory will long endure there.

Delayed Announcement.

Something definite in Republican state politics should be appearing early in January and delayed announcements of candidates may be expected then. In Chicago the old question of control is paramount and this accounts for the fact that no developments have come since the state fair in the matter of announcements. There are several candidates who are waiting to see what alignments they can make for Chicago support, and others who are hesitating because the factional strife in Chicago may cut in various ways. Some of the Cook county leaders seem to be placing Senator Sherman's presidential possibilities and the chances of state candidates secondary to membership on the National Republican committee. As said above, it's the old story of seeking control. It is well that the presidential primaries come early.

The New Apportionment.

The new apportionment plan, proposed by resolution of the National Committee adopted in December, 1912, since approved by the Republican organization of twenty-two states and now made final by action of the committee, provides in effect for two delegates for each Senator and one for each Representative in Congress, and in addition thereto, for one delegate for each Congressional district which cast not less than 7,500 Republican votes either in the 1908 or 1914 election. In effect, this will reduce the delegates in the next National convention from 1,073 to 985. The changes in detail are as follows: Alabama loses 8 delegates, Arkansas 3, Florida 4, Georgia 11, Louisiana 8, Mississippi 8, New Mexico 2, New York 3, North Carolina 3, South Carolina 7, Tennessee 3, Texas 14, Virginia 9, Hawaii 6, Philippines 2 and Porto Rico 2, making a total reduction of 93. With a convention con-

sisting of 985 delegates, 494 votes will, of course, be necessary to nominate.

More Democracy in Education.

The U. S. Commissioner of Education in his report finds there has been a real increase during the year in the progress toward that equality of educational opportunity which is essential in a democracy. This is indicated, declares the Commissioner, in his introduction to the Report, in "greater interest in the health and care of young children and in a better type of home education; in the revival of interest in the kindergarten as an integral part of the public school system; in increased appropriations for longer terms and better salaries for teachers where school terms have been short and salaries of teachers have been small; in the enactment of school attendance laws not until now had such laws; in the adoption of rural schools in several States; in the raising of standards of required preparation for teachers in some States and in the extension of the means of preparing teachers in normal schools, in departments of education in colleges, and especially in teacher training classes in high schools; in the increased attendance in high schools; and in the differentiation of work and the adjustment of courses of study in schools of all grades to meet the needs of children of varying ability and the vocational life of the communities."

MORTUARY

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Mrs. Rose Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lister of the vicinity of Roodhouse, died recently at her home in the state of Washington. No particulars have been received.

Hill.

Mrs. Nancy Hill died recently at her home in Roodhouse after an illness of a year's duration. She was the wife of J. P. Hill and was nearly 65 years of age. She was a sister of the late Thomas J. Rafferty, ex-county clerk of Greene county.

Smith.

Benjamin Smith died recently at the home of his niece, Mrs. William Martin of Barrow. He was 45 years of age and unmarried. His death was largely due to an accident which happened some years ago, when he tried to vault a rail fence which gave way, causing him to fall heavily to the ground and injuring his right shoulder. He never recovered from the accident and suffered much in consequence of it. He leaves one brother, Amos G. of Barrow.

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J. A. OBERMEYER & SON.

E. W. BASSETT, THE JEWELER, EXTENDS THANKS TO PATRONS.

E. W. Bassett, the jeweler, wishes to thank his many patrons for their continued liberal patronage. The season just closing has been very satisfactory and the public has demonstrated that jewelry that is right in quality and price is always desirable and especially so at the Christmas season. The house wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

FIRE AT CARROLLTON.

Fire which started at midnight Friday destroyed the Central Union Telephone company's cables at Carrollton put 519 telephones out of commission. The blaze also destroyed the Walters' photograph gallery. Ralph J. Burrows of this city, a cableman was sent to Carrollton Saturday morning to repair the damage. It was hoped to have all of the phones in working order in a few days.

ROADS NOT SO BAD.

A number of people drove into the city Saturday and they said that while the roads were not perfect they were not bad. Unfortunately the snow fell on a rather soft foundation, so that where a mud hole existed there the sleighrunners went down. A man said yesterday that from the Point to the city the roads were very respectable, the worst of that the holes occasionally troubled him. Wherever the highways have been oiled the good results are at once apparent.

C. B. & Q. TRAINS HELD UP NINE HOURS.

Beginning at 2:30 Saturday morning all trains on the C. B. & Q. south of Beardstown were held up nine hours while a dredge boat passed thru the plight of way making a new ditch at Weiser's slough. Wires also had to be raised and a lot of men were cheated out of Christmas festivities but that is the fate of railroad men. It was thought best to do the work on a holiday and it was begun just after a train had passed and was finished up all right.

TAX RATE IS HIGHER

IN BEARDSTOWN
Beardstown is certainly favored (?) with a high tax rate, \$6.05, which is an increase of 70 cents over the rate a year ago. It is claimed however that the increase is not at all due to extravagance or bad management but to the expense of needed improvements of which the city is justly proud and probably patriotic residents will not object.

POLICE MAKE RAID.

The cellar beneath the pool room kept by Walter Patterson on West Morgan street was the scene of a lively raid last night when the night police force broke up a gambling game and made arrests to the number of twenty or more. The men will come up for preliminary hearing Monday.

MATRIMONIAL

Temple-Dickinson.

With a simple home ceremony, Miss Beatrice King Dickinson became the bride of Mr. C. W. Temple Christmas afternoon. The impressive ceremony was performed by Dr. F. S. Hayden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Woodman, 1047 West State street at 4 o'clock with only immediate members of the family present. Mrs. Temple is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Mary King Dickinson of St. Louis and while never a Jacksonville resident has many friendships here formed when she was a guest at the home of her uncle, the late James T. King and while here with her sister, Mrs. Woodman.

Mr. Temple is assistant manager and head credit man for Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company with headquarters in St. Louis. Shortly after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Temple left for a brief wedding journey and after Jan. 15th they will be at home at 4730 Cupples Place, St. Louis.

The bride's gown was of green broadcloth trimmed with fur. Notable among the wedding gifts is a magnificent Manchurian tiger skin of unusual size and markings. Here to be present at the wedding were Mrs. Mary K. Dickinson of St. Louis and Mrs. L. S. Wilcox of Champaign.

Fry-Griffiths.

Cyrus Fry of Exeter and Miss Delia Alice Griffiths, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Griffiths of Roodhouse, were recently married at the residence of Alice Smith in Roodhouse. The ceremony was witnessed by only the immediate friends of the bride.

Leavitt-Clark.

William C. Leavitt of Springfield and Miss Effie Clark of Petersburg were married Friday afternoon at the Baptist church parsonage in Springfield. The groom is a prominent young business man of the city and the bride has been a teacher there in the Palmer school for a number of years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark of the vicinity of Petersburg and is a lady of fine reputation. The teaching of the Palmer school in which she taught presented her some beautiful silver as a token of their appreciation.

Read Mac's advertisement on page four.

DUNNE APPEALS FOR AID FOR SUFFERING PEOPLE OF POLAND

Calls on People of the State to Contribute Generously to Relief.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24—A proclamation to a charitably disposed people of the state to contribute to the Red Cross fund for the relief of the destitute and suffering people of Poland was issued this afternoon by Governor E. F. Dunne. The proclamation depicts the condition of the people of Poland and reminds the people of the state that a Pulaski and a Kosciuszko risked their lives in the Revolutionary war in an endeavor to bring about the independence of America. He also states that millions of brave men and women have contributed materially in the building of this nation.

"Let the cry of Poland in her agony fall upon willing ears," the proclamation states, "and receive a response from generous American hands."

"I respectfully call upon the people of the state on January 1, 1916, to contribute generously to the relief of the Polish people."

The subscriptions, according to the proclamation, should be sent to the Red Cross society for use in Poland.

NO DANGER IN COAL FAMINE.

Paris, Dec. 24—Paris is in no danger of a coal famine, Marcel Sembat, minister of public works, announced in the chamber of deputies today while speaking on a bill regarding the sale and distribution of coal. M. Sembat said the stock of coal in the capital actually exceeds 200,000 tons and that all danger of a crisis regarding the supply was ended.

TRAIN HITS BUGGY;

TWO ARE KILLED
Mansfield, Ohio, Dec. 24—It will be a sad Christmas for the eight children of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Kleinknecht, for their parents were killed late last night when their buggy was struck by an Erie passenger train as they were driving to their home west of this city. Kleinknecht and his wife had spent the evening shopping here and their buggy was filled with holiday gifts for their children when they met death.

PROTEST AGAINST RULING.

Chicago, Dec. 24—Reform workers and ministers today directed emphatic protest to Mayor Thompson as a result of the ruling by the corporation counsel which permits restaurants and hotels to keep their establishments open all night for the New Year's eve celebration. Letters were sent to the mayor asking an opportunity be given civic organizations to discuss the subject with him.

SLOOP REACHES PORT.

Port Aransas, Texas, Dec. 24—The fishing sloop Francia reached Port Aransas after being swept nearly 200 miles out of her course in the Gulf of Mexico and being derelict for eleven days. One member of the crew became insane and attempted to jump overboard. Storm warnings were ordered up along the gulf coast tonight.

CHICAGO VISITORS.

Among the holiday visitors from Chicago are Robert Gonsalves, Fred Wheeling, Clifford Mansfield, Frank Kiloran and John Swain.

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DECATUR ECONOMIZING.

The city school board of Decatur is in a dilemma. The income will not pay the past rate of expenses by about \$15,000 to \$20,000 and how they are to get along the members of the board are at a loss to say.

Some economies have been suggested such increase in the size of classes, abolition of three ungraded rooms, possibly two supervisors, discontinuance of physical education and a lot more of things the abolition of which will be expected to save \$12,000 annually but at a loss in other ways. It was a bitter pill and the members of the board have not decided how they will swallow it. It is a hard condition and something will have to be done.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

White Hall lodge A. F. and A. Masons elected the following officers for the ensuing year:
W. M.—Elmer Griswold.
S. W.—Lloyd Ballow.
J. W.—David W. Wells.
Secretary—R. S. Dickson.
Treasurer—Charles Richert.

Mrs. Harry Hebel of Springfield is spending a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. Alice Walker of West Lafayette avenue.

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MONDAY

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Hippodrome only open on Saturday. Big matinee New Year's Day.

5 Reels of Pictures 5c.

CITY AND COUNTY

Irvin Potter is a business visitor in Chicago.

R. C. White of Bloomington spent Christmas in Jacksonville.

Paul Loneragan of Murrayville made a trip to the city yesterday.

Ernest Johnson of Springfield made a trip to the city yesterday.

Oscar Nelson has gone to Bloomington for a visit with relatives.

Perry Pond of the region of Antioch was a city visitor yesterday.

Frank Potter has returned to Chicago after a business trip here.

Ross B. Lemon of Ashland was a

visitor in the city Christmas day.

R. C. White of Bloomington spent Saturday in the city visiting friends.

Albert Tinsley of Alexander was a visitor yesterday with city friends.

Bert Cannon of Norbury sanitarium is making a brief visit in Naples.

J. H. Howard of Pisgah was added to the list of city arrivals yesterday.

Miss Ethel Sackman spent Christmas day with her family in Astoria.

Mrs. Peter Tilton visited yesterday with her son, William, 238 Caldwell street.

F. A. Pierce of Poplar City was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

Ellsworth Davis of the eastern part of the county visited the city yesterday.

Charles Jarvis of Knoxville was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Willard Hall of Murrayville was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Charles Bennett of Springfield was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Everett Waters of Chicago is in the city for a holiday visit with friends.

George Baker of the southeastern part of the county visited city friends yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Young spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blair of Roadhouse were Saturday visitors in the city.

William Taylor of Virginia was visiting John Shadid of this city yesterday.

Volentus Bolin of Alexander visited yesterday with Jacksonville friends.

Miss Anna Wise of Norbury sanitarium has gone to Naples for a holiday visit.

Mrs. Emil Johnson of Omaha, Neb., is visiting Mrs. W. S. Brainer of South East street.

Oscar Nelson of the Smith Grain Co. has gone to Bloomington to spend the holidays.

Thomas McGrath of the southern part of the county enjoyed Xmas with city friends.

H. J. Harris of St. Louis is visiting friends at the Jacksonville Hospital for the Insane.

Oliver Filkins expected to go to Pekin last evening to visit his wife's mother, Mrs. Beach.

Mrs. Minnie Steverling and daughter have gone to Whitehall to visit friends a few days.

Laurence Crim of West College street is visiting with Roy Ferris, south of Lynnville.

Charles Martin of the vicinity of Orleans was among the callers in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Withee of Peoria are visiting with home folks here and in Franklin.

Dr. F. A. Norris who has been ill at Our Savior's hospital, was able to leave there Saturday.

Mrs. George Hamilton of North East street has gone to Mt. Sterling for a visit with friends.

Christian Mader of Waverly visited yesterday with his daughter, Mrs. Lindeman, on Hardin avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer German of Bloomington are visiting with relatives and friends in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Thompson went to Concord Saturday morning to make a holiday visit with relatives.

Miss Carmen Sisson, stenographer at the A. F. Franks cigar factory is visiting her parents in Carrollton.

Miss Ruth Peters is making a holiday visit at the home of Miss Bertha Daggett of the Point neighborhood.

Henry Malcolm, employed by Fred Killam in the west part of the county, was in the city yesterday.

James Riley, a boilermaker of Beardstown, visited yesterday with his brother, Edward, of North Main street.

Misses Birdie and Nita Halford of Springfield are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. E. Garvey, 644 South West street.

Miss Louise Gates, who is teaching in the public schools of Illinois, is home for the Christmas vacation.

Glen Howard of Taylorville is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard of South Kopselusk street.

McGregor Bancroft is here from Chicago for a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bancroft.

Durrell Hatfield has come from Chicago for a vacation visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hatfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith and son are spending Sunday in Chapin, visiting Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. George Smith.

F. R. Elliott of Chicago is in the city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott, on West State street.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith and daughter are spending the day in Bluffs, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Henry.

Clarence E. Sanders of Cleveland, Ohio is in the city visiting his mother, Mrs. Cornelia Sanders, on West State street.

Douglas Hickey of Juliet is expected in the city the first of the week for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Hickey.

Tom Allen, manager of the Allen shows, was in Jacksonville Christmas day, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Lester McDougall.

Eugene Jerald, a former Jacksonville citizen was in the city with his family Saturday spending the day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hornbeck of Athens visited yesterday with their daughter, Mrs. R. N. Fuller, on East Railroad street.

Mrs. C. F. Herald of South Jacksonville went to Chapin yesterday evening to visit her mother, Mrs. Joseph Alderson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ricks of Jacksonville spent Christmas day at the home of J. Steinmetz and family in Woodstock.

Miss Myrian Cooper of Dawson, Ill., arrived in the city Saturday for a visit with the Misses Elizabeth and Veva Crim.

W. H. Daniels of Spokane, Wash., is in the city for a visit with his sister, Mrs. W. S. Camp of West College avenue.

Frank Bubb, traveling salesman for Karter & Co., expected to go to St. Louis yesterday afternoon for a visit with friends.

Miss Julia Mendonsa of Bloomington is in the city for a brief visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mendonsa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kemp of St. Louis were in the city yesterday, Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Woodman.

Thomas Halpin has returned to his home in Madison after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey of 313 East College street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wood, residing east of the city, visited yesterday with their daughter, Mrs. Robert Jess, and family, of Springfield.

George Humeau of Hebron, Ind., is in the city for a holiday visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Day on West Lafayette avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Tandy, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Graff and Arthur Henderson and family were visitors in Franklin Christmas day.

Mrs. Harriet Melton and Miss Georgie Melton spent Christmas in Merritt, guests of Mrs. Melton's mother, Mrs. H. E. Christman.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gallagher of Woodstock, have gone to White Hall to visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Harry Goscher.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers and son, Lawrence Rogers, and wife have gone to Hillview to visit Charles Rogers' father, J. B. Rogers.

Miss Estelle Stewart of White Hall has entered Jacksonville State Hospital and will take the training course for nurses in that institution.

Dr. William Coverly who is practicing in Chicago arrived in the city yesterday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Coverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen of Riggton spent Christmas day at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Fay and family of West State street.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slack of Franklin visited yesterday with their daughter, Mrs. Edgar Ator, residing in the Grand opera house building.

Roland E. Kiel, who is studying music at Millikin University under the Messrs. Swartout at Millikin University is visiting home friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Self, and Mrs. Anna Megginson took Christmas dinner at the home of the ladies' father, Frank Kites of this city.

Scott's large display advertisement about "The Red Circle" to begin Tuesday, appears on page three this morning. Read this great announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Trunnells of White Hall were guests of honor yesterday at a Christmas dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Oran H. Cook of South Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Collins and daughter of Prentice were guests on Christmas day at the home of Mr. Collins' mother, Mrs. Mary Collins of South East street.

Joseph Mendonsa is here from St. Louis for a holiday visit with relatives. Mr. Mendonsa was a star end on the high school football team back in 1904-5 and still has a warm place in his heart for the old school.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dunlap, residing in the eastern part of the county, visited yesterday with Mrs. Dunlap's mother, Mrs. Toussaint, on North Main street.

Mention was made recently that Miss Susan Draper had been ill for a week. Altho suffering from the effects of a fall Miss Draper missed but two days teaching work at the School for the Blind.

Mrs. Helen Ayers Bullard, Edward Bullard and Miss Virginia Bullard are in Decatur to spend a few

days with George E. Moeller. Mrs. Bullard will go to Chicago from Decatur for a visit with friends and to attend grand opera.

Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Theobald are enjoying a visit from their children, Paul Theobald of Shelbyville, Effie Theobald of White Hall and Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Theobald of Catlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Packard, daughter, Mrs. Harry Cobb of Springfield and husband, enjoyed Christmas yesterday with Mrs. Packard's father, Robert Hall, near Lynnville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Howard McCutlough of Riggton and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vannier of Bluffs visited yesterday with Arthur Vannier and family of this city.

Edward Black and family were here from Bluffs yesterday enjoying a visit with Mr. Black's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Black on West College avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thomason and son of the neighborhood of Mt. Zion enjoyed a visit yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Fuller on East Railroad street.

William Floreth has gone to Centuria to enjoy a holiday visit at the home of Mrs. Sarah Huntington. Mrs. Floreth and children went there Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sprinkle of Evanston were visitors in the city yesterday, and with Mrs. Sprinkle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Deere in Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. DeFrates of Springfield are making a holiday visit at the home of A. P. Vasconcellos on East College street. Jesse DeFrates is here from Chicago for a visit with George Vasconcellos.

A. B. Opperman went to Springfield Saturday evening to spend Sunday with relatives and friends. Mrs. Opperman has been in Springfield for several days. He expects to return home Monday.

Dr. R. E. McClelland, Miss Ina McClelland, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Miss Laura Jones and Mrs. Pearl Jones of Springfield were in the city Christmas day the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gilliam.

Cyrus Evans of Paris, Mo., was a business visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. Evans is a son of the late Josiah Evans, a former resident of this city and is engaged in the real estate business in Paris.

A man Saturday said that he had given six days on two bowls of soup given him by the Star lunch room people. He was making no special complaint, according to the story told the Journal, but said he was out of work and unable to get any. He surely failed to see the announcement of the Y. M. C. A. burgoon, where he could have been filled up free with the most delicious compound.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Rucker of Carlville are visitors at the home of Mrs. Rucker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Glenn. Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Rucker of Independence, Mo., who for the past few days have been visiting relatives of Mrs. Rucker in Little Indian, will

later make a short visit in Jacksonville.

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REMEMBERED ON BIRTHDAY.

Sam Hunt, chief of the fire department was presented a gold watch and Odd Fellows charm, by members of the fire department, Christmas Day. The occasion was Mr. Hunt's birthday and it is needless to say that he appreciates the gift very much.

NEW YEAR'S BALL.

The chauffeurs and custodians are planning to hold their annual ball Friday evening, Dec. 31, in Armory hall. Extensive plans are in progress for a pleasurable evening.

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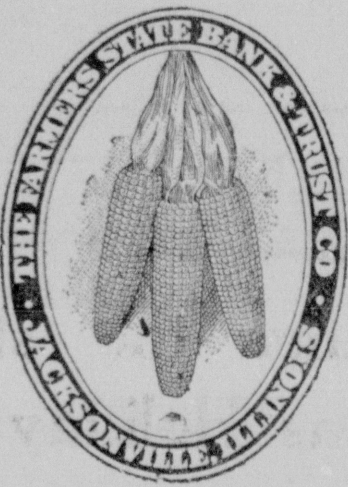
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Social Activities of the Christmas Season

Christmas Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Flynn entertained a company of friends at their home, 6 miles south of Ashland on Christmas Day. The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Farmer and granddaughter, Collette Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dewees and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Long and son, Albert Nell and Mrs. Icenogle of Ashland.

Christmas Dinner at Hilton Middleton Home.

A family dinner was held Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Middleton near Lynnville. Besides the good dinner served, there was a Christmas tree laden with presents for everyone. Victrola music was enjoyed during the hours and the time was very pleasantly spent. Besides the Middleton family the children present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ira Patterson and family; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Patterson and family; Mr. and Mrs. Grover Vasey, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott.

Gave Dinner Party.

Sons and daughters and grandchildren were entertained at Christmas dinner at the home of J. P. Huff on Sandusky street yesterday, and the event proved one of very great pleasure. The company also included Miss Fernie Gaston of Centralia, Elbert Brazell Salem, Miss Johnson and Earl French.

Christmas Gathering at Home of J. W. Woods.

At the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woods, 844 West College avenue, a very pleasant Christmas celebration was enjoyed. Mrs. Woods is an accomplished hostess and all present fully entered into the spirit of the occasion. The hours of the day were pleasantly passed and a dinner of fine qualities was a feature all will remember as it was first class in all respects. Among the guests there were Frank Bubb, traveling salesman for Kartner & Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clayton of North Prairie street; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woods of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woods of Chicago.

Family Reunion at the Scott Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scott, residing northeast of the city, entertained at a family dinner on Christmas day. One of the main features of the day was a fine dinner such as one would expect at this well known home. All of the children were present for the occasion and the day was spent with songs, instrumental music and recitations. During the day there was a Christmas tree with Vincent Vieira taking the role of Santa Claus. Mrs. Henry Scott was the recipient of a package from San Diego, Calif. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott and daughter, Mildred; Mr. and Mrs. John Scott and daughter, Evelyn, and son, Earl; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Vieira, Mr. and Mrs. George Souza and son Clarence and Mrs. Joseph J. Fernandes.

Reunion at the Home of Oliver Cully.

At the home of Oliver Cully, 279 Sandusky street, a family reunion was enjoyed Christmas day. Mr. Cully's daughter, Mrs. J. C. Strawn, being hostess to the guests. There was twenty-seven in all and a delightful time was enjoyed. Mr. Cully's wife is dead and he has in his daughter, Mrs. Strawn, a housekeeper who is everything that a daughter can be to a father. The day was enjoyed most thoroughly by father, children, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law and grandchildren. The dinner was excellent and left nothing to be desired. Among those present were Edgar Cully and family; Homer Cully and family; Howard Cully and family, all from the vicinity of Strawn's Crossing; Irvin Cully and sister, Mrs. J. C. Strawn and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Arnold.

Family Gathering at Smith Home.

At the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Smith on West College avenue, was a pleasant family gathering Saturday; the guests being Herbert Smith, who is enjoying a vacation at home; Mrs. Constance Smith of the musical faculty of the state university; Mr. and Mrs. James Weir Elliott and daughter of this city. An excellent dinner was enjoyed and a pleasant time was had throughout the day.

Christmas Dinner at Home of John Hodges.

A Christmas dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges of South Jacksonville. A splendid repast was served and a Christmas tree was a feature of the gathering each one receiving a present. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ledford, Mrs. Sarah Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hamm, Mrs. George Hoagland and sons, Warren and Ernest, Edward Allen and grandmother, Mrs. Allen; Jesse Allen, Miss Sadie Martin, W. C. Ledford and Green Dunbar.

House Party at Alexander Home.

Several Springfield guests are present at a house party at the home of Miss Althea Hall of Alexander. They are A. C. Hall and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Daughenbaugh and Dr. L. R. Spearman. Miss Flora Hall of Jacksonville, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hall, Miss Rachel Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall and John Hall and family made up the company which partook of an excellent Christmas dinner Saturday noon and soon thereafter gathered around a Christmas tree. Red and green were used in house decorations of especial beauty.

Murphy Family Hold Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Crum entertained at their home in Litterberry Saturday for thirty relatives, gathered in observance of the annual reunion of the Murphy family. A plentiful dinner served at the noon hour was followed by a program and after this the guests gave attention to the distribution of gifts from a handsome Christmas tree with Al Dunlap taking Santa Claus' part. Mrs. H. R. Johnson, mother of the family and now in her 83d year, was unable to be present by reason of slight illness. Guests from without the community included Mr. and Mrs. Erven Murry of Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Litter and Mrs. J. F. Berry, Jacksonville.

Following is the program:
Song—Joy to the World.
Scripture reading—Albert Crum.
Reading, Isaiah's Vision of Christ—Mrs. J. F. Berry.
Song—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.
Recitation—Russell Dunlap.
Duet—Erven Murry and daughter, Lucille.
Recitation—Elizabeth Martin.
Vocal solo—Lucille Murry.
Recitation—Murry Martin.
Duet—Anabel Crum and May Litter.
Reading, The Picture of Home—Mrs. J. C. McEllen.
Instrumental solo—Miss Edith Crum.
Puzzle contest, won by Mr. and Mrs. Orville Crum.

Enjoy Christmas in Springfield.

Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Cowdin of Springfield entertained Saturday at dinner for Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Barrows of St. Louis, parents of Mrs. Cowdin; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cowdin and Miss Mabel Cowdin of Chapin. Miss Mabel Cowdin expected to remain in Springfield during the greater part of the Christmas holidays.

Christmas at Maplewood.

Employees and patients at Maplewood sanatorium enjoyed the Christmas season appropriately Friday afternoon in a program in the recreation room, between the hours of three and seven. Miss Mary H. Groves, Miss Ivaloe Todd and Bert Cannon planned the event, which in every way proved enjoyable. Music was furnished by an orchestra and when the presents were distributed from the tree, brief remarks were made by several of the company. The part of Santa Claus was taken in clever manner by J. W. Neal.

LONDON OBSERVER STATES COUNTRY IS WAITING FOR A GREAT LEADER

LONDON, Dec. 26.—"The country is waiting and longing for a great fighting leader," says the Observer in an article denouncing Premier Asquith's leadership and declaring that David Lloyd George is "the only possible head of a new national government."

"Week after week, month after month, on one question after another, on great questions and little, whenever there is the least difficulty, there is procrastination," continues the Observer. "What are we thinking of to tolerate these things after seventeen months of war, when all hope of improvement has finally been quenched?"

"We can only urge Mr. Lloyd-George to put his faith in the country as Chatham did. Mr. Lloyd-George is of the few who know that the devil's real name is inertia."

RESCUES BOAT LOAD OF MEN.

Boston, Dec. 25.—The British Steamship Lord Cromer arrived today from Calcutta, reporting the rescue of a boat load of men from the British freighter Clan Macleod, which was sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine. The Lord Cromer picked up Captain Goodwin

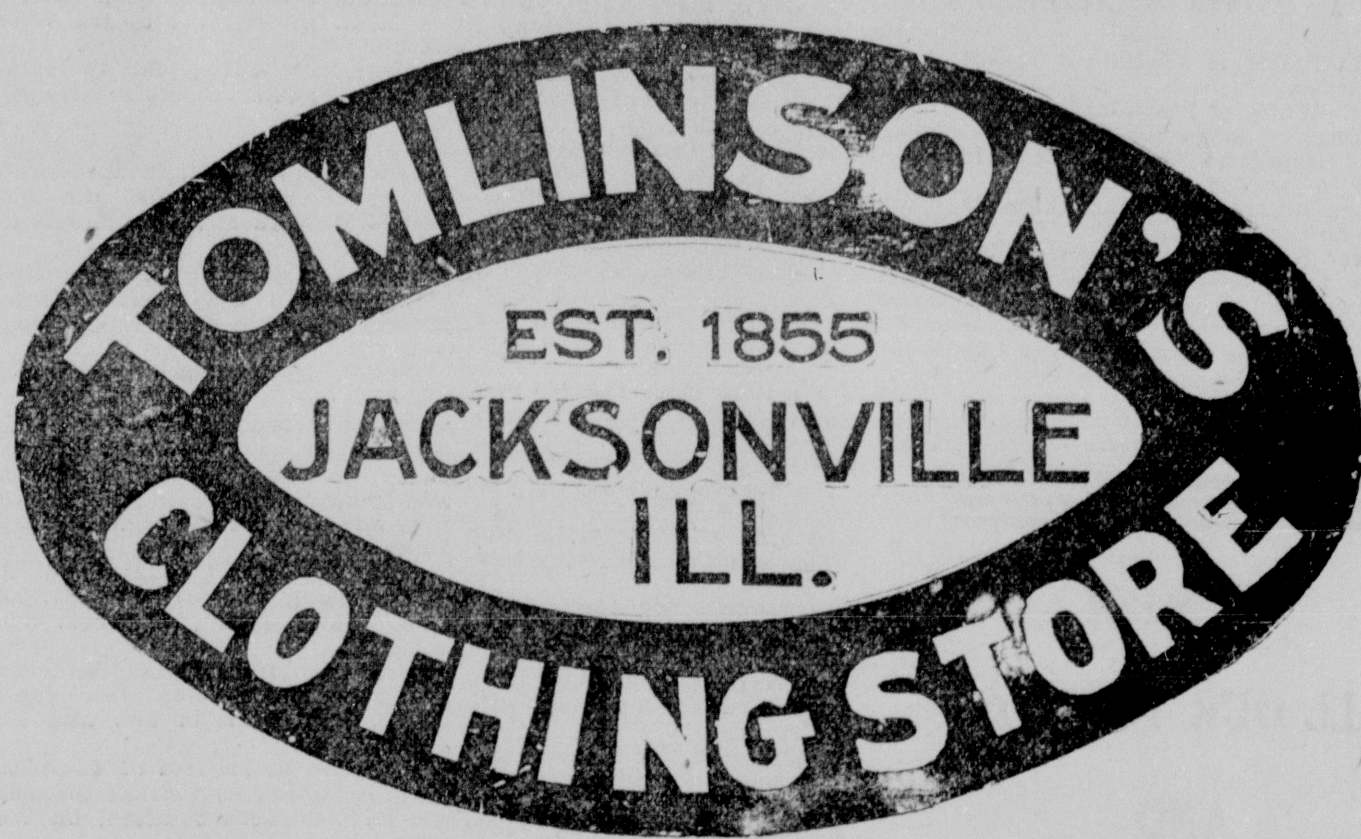
of the Macleod, who had been wounded by shells and 48 members of the crew. All were landed at Algiers. Another boat containing twenty of the Macleod's men was missing at the time.

Captain Goodwin told officers of the Lord Cromer that his vessel on admiralty business was sunk by the submarine on Nov. 30th.

EDWARDS DENIES HE HAS HEARD ANYTHING FROM VILLA

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 25.—T. D. Edwards, U. S. consul at Juarez who was reported to have left El Paso this week in an endeavor to help General Villa leave Mexico, denied here tonight that he had heard anything from Villa since December 21st, and said his absence from El Paso was occasioned by a lawsuit at Fort Smith, Ark., in which he was interested.

Edwards left for El Paso tonight. "General Villa plans to leave Mexico and go to Cuba," said Edwards. "If he cannot go to Cuba he will go to some other foreign country. Villa's failure in battle and the collapse of his fighting organization was attributed by Edwards to the corruption of his officers by Carranza agents most of who he said, were women."



FIND BODIES OF THREE MEN ON SHORE OF LAKE NEAR ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 25.—Mystery surrounds the death of three men, one white and two negroes, whose bodies found on the shores of Creve Coeur Lake in St. Louis county today. The body of one of the negroes found propped up against an ice house had a broken neck and fractured shoulder bone. The bodies of the other negro and William Bates the white man bore no mark of violence. Investigation by county authorities based on the theory that the men were killed by drinking poisoned whiskey was begun tonight. It is possible also that the men lost their way in last night's snowstorm and were frozen to death.

SURE GERMANY'S ECONOMY WILL BE ABLE TO STAND TEST OF WAR

BERLIN, Dec. 25 (by wireless to Tuckerton).—"The Bavarian Industrial association at a general meeting has adopted a resolution that it is absolutely sure that Germany's economic life will be able to stand the test of the war until the end," says a dispatch given out by the Overseas Agency. "There is no industrial reason why the war ought to be terminated one day before Germany's natural interests make it necessary. The resolution set forth that there was no reason for pessimism with respect to Germany's financial strength and gave assurance of the willingness of Bavarian industries to bear the necessary burdens, and finally, that Bavarian industries were in operation beyond expectations." The Overseas Agency also says: "The yearly report of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce states that except at the end of 1915, in an overwhelming majority of the trades, is more satisfactory than anybody expected a year ago."

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THURSDAY

GILDED YOUTH—A Latin Quarter Romance in 3 parts, featuring Rupert Julian and Carmen Phillips.

FRIDAY

GRAFT, Series No. 3—In 2 parts, featuring Hobart Henley and Jane Novak.

HIS GOOD NAME—The adventure of a young lawyer in a western mining camp in 2 parts, featuring Sydney Ayers and Doris Vaun.

SATURDAY

THE CONNECTING LINK—A western drama in 2 parts, featuring Edythe Sterling and Sherman Bainbridge.

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MANCHESTER MASONIC LODGE HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

Members Elected for Ensuing Twelve Months—Other News of Manchester Community.

Manchester, Dec. 25.—On Tuesday evening, Dec. 21st, was the regular meeting night for Manchester lodge No. 229, A. F. & A. M. and also the regular annual election of officers for the coming year. The election resulted as follows: C. D. Chapman, W. M.; L. C. Funk, Sr. W.; R. H. Walton, Jr. W.; M. D. Story, treasurer; Dr. W. T. Knox, secretary. Messrs. Chapman, Story and Knox have each held these places for several terms past.

Miss Sara Small, our assistant principal in school, left on the early train Friday morning for her home in Colfax, Ill., to spend the holidays. School will be closed until January 3rd.

Mrs. Lloyd Ross left Friday for Chapin, where she and her husband will spend Christmas with Mrs. Ross' mother, Mrs. Funk.

C. S. Heaton & Bro. have begun to get their spring stock of buggies in and also a number of other articles that come in for spring use.

W. P. Alfred, who recently bought the Moore property in the south part of town, has made a wonderful change in it, for he has rebuilt and built on until he will soon have a modern home. They expect to have it ready for occupancy in the near future.

A splendid program was rendered at the M. E. and Baptist churches on Friday evening by the Sunday schools of the respective churches. The Christian and Presbyterian schools will give their treat at Sunday school Sunday morning.

E. C. Mehrhoff, proprietor of the Princess restaurant at this place, wishes to announce to his many customers that he will close at 6:45 p. m. sharp on each Sunday evening until the churches close their services, before opening again.

Frank Brown and wife spent Thursday with N. F. Smith and wife. Mr. Smith is always very glad to have his friends to call whenever possible. In the past few years Mr. Smith has almost lost his eyesight. Calls, even the short, do him good.

Our merchants were kept quite busy almost the entire day on Thursday, regardless of the fact that many of our people went to Jacksonville and Roodhouse and loaded up for Christmas.

School closed on Friday evening, Dec. 24, and stand closed until Monday, Jan. 3, 1916. The first part of our school year has been a wonderful success in every way that points to good. Our worthy teachers have worked hard right from the start and they expect to make this term of

school a success from start to finish. Stand by them, patrons and everybody else.

Floyd Lashmet, who has been attending school and staying with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wyatt, returned home Thursday to spend holidays with his with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lashmet, and other relatives in Winchester.

Mrs. Bell Potts, who returned from Dr. J. A. Day's hospital last Saturday, is improving and will soon be able to be out again.

We have been informed that Samuel Flyer, whom many of the older people of this place and vicinity well remember, recently had to take his wife to a hospital in Quincy for treatment. His many friends here hope for a successful operation and a very speedy recovery.

Miss Beulah Hutchins, a former high school teacher here, came Thursday night for a holiday visit with friends.

Clifford Harney, an employee of the P. & O. plow shops of Canton, Ill., arrived Friday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Lucille Antrobus will leave Saturday for Crawfordsville, Ind., for a week's visit with friends and relatives.

TWO OLD HOTELS.

How many persons in the city know that on the vacant lot just north of the square, on north Sandy street, a hotel—the Dayton House—once stood? In its palmy days it was quite a pretentious affair. It stood a short distance back from the walk, had a wide veranda in front and a floor roof over it, and it being on the east side, was sheltered from the western sun, so that the guests found it a pleasant place for loafing after supper or even a late dinner.

Such guests as Stephen A. Douglas, Abraham Lincoln, General Case and other eminent men have in its time been its guests. It was a sort of overflow from the Mansion House, which was the chief hostelry in older days before the existence of the Dunlap House. As time went on and the Dunlap House was built the Dayton House became less and less frequented, tho still it often had a very fair class of trade, till finally it became a cheap boarding house and was at last demolished.

Another ancient affair was the Western House, located in an old frame building, in which was the Rawlings clothing store, on the spot now occupied by the dry goods store of C. J. Deppe & Co. Mr. Simms was one of the early landlords and several amusing stories are told of him. The lower story was used for business purposes and the upper for the hotel, but it was mostly a cheaper place, tho bearing a good name. Long ago it was compelled to make way for the march of progress and few are left who remember it.

"RAIL SPLITTERS" QUARTET, ACCOMPANYING H. H. RUSSELL, ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE FOUNDER



Howard H. Russell, founder of the Anti-Saloon league, and one of the nation's foremost reformers and lecturers, will speak at First Baptist church Friday evening, Dec. 31, at 7:30 o'clock in connection with the Watch Night services. A special feature of the program will be the musical program given by the "Rail Splitters" Quartet of Ohio Wesleyan university.

When Dr. Russell organized the first "Water Wagon" tour over the Lincoln highway as his summer campaign this year and when he planned the coming Christmas Holiday "Water Wagon" Tour in the Lincoln section cities of Illinois, he showed the skillful inventive genius which has characterized his work for the past twenty-two years for the cause of temperance. On the twenty-fourth of May, 1893, twenty-two and one-half years ago, the Anti-Saloon League was initiated by Doctor Russell at Oberlin, Ohio. Already Doctor Russell had achieved wide reputation as lawyer and minister. The new movement began in a very humble and moderate way, yet it had the qualities to insure success. Doctor Russell's plan was to enlist all who were opposed to the saloon, regardless of sect or creed or political party. The plan also involved constant and strong educational work. As the thermometer of public sen-

timent rose, Russell proposed to secure the enactment of additional laws at State Legislatures and in Congress of the United States and elect public officials to enforce vigorously such laws as were passed.

In accord with Russell's program the work of the League has spread all over the United States, until in addition to Russell as the one organizer there are nearly a thousand in the offices and field; and instead of having very little financial support, which at first was the case, for several years past, the conflict has waxed hotter and hotter with more than a million dollars raised and spent each year as shewers of war. Progress has been made in the elimination of the liquor traffic to a point where eighty-two per cent of the geographic area of the United States is now dry, upon which at the coming new year 1916 will live more than sixty millions of people. Best of all, a unification of the forces has now been obtained. All are working together—the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Reform Bureau, National Temperance Society, and other organizations—co-operating with the Anti-Saloon League, and it now looks hopeful for the early and complete prohibition of the beverage liquor traffic thruout the United States.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CONCORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

In the upper room of the Concord public school, Miss Gertrude Stainsforth, teacher, there was a celebration Friday evening which was very pleasant. There was a handsome Christmas tree well supplied with presents for each of Miss Stainsforth's pupils and some others also were remembered. A Santa Claus did the distributing and all was merry and full of fun.

During the evening the following program was rendered:

Song, Sunbeams of Glory—School. Recitation, Santa Claus and the Mouse—Gracie Whitlock.

Harry's First Xmas Tree—Nina Yeck.

Recitation, Two Little Stockings—Mabel Yeck.

Song, Swing Away—School.

Story of the Christmas Stocking—Gracie Rexroat.

Recitation, How Did You Die—Willie Hamm.

The Kitten That Wanted to be a Xmas Present—Corrine Mick.

Recitation, Prayer and Potatoes—Lucile Ball.

Solo—Othello Yeck.

Recitation, A Rest for Santa Claus—Frances Blemling.

Song, Chime on Sweet Village Bells—School.

Recitation, If a Mile is a Mile—Elmer Yeck.

Christmas Tree Industry—Mary Titus.

Quartette, Seek Him—Alma Yeck.

Bonnie Smith, Othello Yeck, Harold Hamm.

Recitation, In Santa Claus Land—Ula Yeck.

Song—School.

A NEW LEGAL DECISION.

The latest legal decision is by Judge Weaver in the Sangamon county court, where an automobile was held to be a deadly weapon. Clayton Anderson of Chestnut struck and injured two colored children in Springfield. In the first place, suit was brought against young Anderson and his father, W. L. Anderson, for damages sustained by each child and these suits were settled out of court. Then a novel suit charging the automobile man with assault with a deadly weapon was brought and the court held that the charge was well taken and fined the defendant \$500.

GIRL JERSEY COUNTY'S BEST SPELLER

Miss Ethel Simpson of Grafton, is the best speller in Jersey county and will represent that county in state spelling contest. Miss Simpson only missed one word in the contest which was conducted in writing. No pupil above the eighth grade was permitted to enter the contest.

WAS VISITOR HERE.

Harry Ontler, a prominent business man of Chicago, spent Christmas with his fiancée, Miss Julia Bach, and her friend, Miss Elizabeth Lapp, at 611 North Church street.

Some Topics of the Farm

Hog Outlook Encouraging.

Altho hog prices are not at the low point of the season traders here on the selling side of the market are of the opinion that the bottom has been reached and that after the first of the year some improvement will be noted. Nobody looks for light receipts as the country is apparently full of hogs but demand is so broad both for the fresh meat and the cured product that it is believed that liberal supplies can be absorbed freely. Packers are making more profit in hogs now than they have in years and consequently are anxious to stow away as much of the product as possible and are inclined to buy to their fullest capacity. Receipts for the past month were the largest on record for December due partly to the fact that there was general liquidation from the soft corn sections. It is believed that the great bulk of the hogs forced in by this condition have been marketed and that in January shipments will be on a more regular and conservative basis. This theory is supported by the fact that receipts lately have carried a smaller proportion of the light weight and immature swine. This week is closing with the best heavy hogs selling at \$6.40 @ 6.55 while the lights are going at \$5.75 @ 6.15. The country is not very well pleased with these figures and it is evident

that those who can will hold back for a better scale of values.

Low Priced Cattle Selling Better.

So many short fed cattle have been marketed recently that packers have been able to get them at the lowest figures of the year. These cattle at \$6 @ 8, were many points below the legitimate level based on the values of better grades and the price of beef. Lack of competition from the outside was largely responsible for this demoralized condition and local buyers made the most of their opportunity. Since the quarantine has been in effect here no cattle were permitted to be shipped out except for immediate slaughter and even then the outlet was restricted. For that reason thousands of low grade steers which ordinarily would have been sold for feeders were forced into packers hands and only a few of the big operators could handle them. Now that the outlet is some better and the deluge of cheap stuff has subsided noticeably prices are showing improvement and it is confidently expected that steers which have been selling at \$6 @ 7, or under will rise at least a dollar in the next thirty days. It is highly probable that the quarantine will be lifted soon and that will mean a broader demand and decidedly more competition.

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC! TO BE GIVEN IN CHURCHES

At Grace Church.

This evening at 7:30 o'clock a program of readings, description of the nativity and childhood of Jesus and of Christmas carols will be given at Grace Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. F. B. Madden, the pastor, will give a short address on "The Incarnation, its Social Purpose." A Christmas invitation is extended the public to attend the service.

The program follows:—

Organ voluntary—Professor H. V. Stearns.

Doxology.

"The Magnificat."

Invocation—Rev. H. J. Floreth.

Carol, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (Sears)—Congregation.

Description of Nazareth (Farrar)—Paul Towne.

Portrait of Mary (Wallace)—Miss Hazel Houck.

Carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Brooks)—Choir.

Eurothral and Annunciation to Mary (Geikir)—Mrs. E. D. Herald.

Carol, "Silent Night" (Mohr)—Choir.

Annunciation to Joseph (Pheips) Harland Williamson.

Solo, "Old Dreton Christmas Song"—Miss Lazelle.

Visit of the Shepherd (Pheips)—Mrs. E. K. Towle.

Hymn, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"—Congregation.

Offeratory.

Address, "The Incarnation, Social purpose"—Rev. F. B. Madden.

Carol, "Shout the Glad Tidings" (Muhlenburg)—Choir.

"The Convict's Christmas Eve" (Will Carleton)—Miss Sue Fox.

Benediction.

At Centenary Church.

Organ prelude, "Nazareth" (Gounod-Westbrook)—Miss Myrtle Larimore.

Violin solo, "Chanson Berceau" (Hauser)—Miss Minnie Hoffman.

Vocal solo, "The Christ Child" (C. Whitney Coombs)—Miss Nelle Self.

Violin obligato, Miss Minnie Hoffman.

Festival postlude (Seifert)—Miss Myrtle Larimore.

In the evening a special musical program will be given by the members of the choir.

The program follows:

Organ prelude, "Grande Offertoire" (Grison)—Miss Myrtle Larimore.

Hymn 113.

Offeratory.

"Christmas Pastorale" (Barrett)—Miss Larimore.

Anthem, "The Birthday of a King" (Neidlinger), with baritone solo—Mr. Albert Metcalf.

Duet, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Geibel)—Misses Flossie Kellogg and Catherine Rapp.

Hymn 131.

Solo, "On Bethlehem's Plain" (Wm R. Spence)—Miss Flossie Kellogg.

Hymn 112—Congregation.

Anthem, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (Klein)—

Anthem, "When the Sun Had Sunk to Rest" (Knight)—Solo, duet, quartet and chorus.

Hymn 125.
Anthem, "O Holy Night" (A. Adam)—Soprano solo, Nelle Self, and chorus.

Hymn 107.
Organ postlude, "March in D" (Desbarres).

At State Street Church.

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The Baseball War and How It Resulted

Well, the war is over. No, not the European war but the baseball war. Terms were arranged last week and the final agreements will be reached and signed this week. With the passing of the Federal League one of the most disastrous periods of baseball will pass into oblivion and the club owners will again begin to reap the profits that have made million dollar baseball plants possible.

In a way the war which the Federal League owners waged against organized baseball resulted in good. This benefit probably did not come to the owners of big league teams, but rather resulted in benefit to the people who make baseball possible—the fans. Before the advent of the Federals, especially in the last few years, the baseball magnates with but few exceptions had begun to take the attitude of the public be damned. Little effort was made on the part of some of them to give their patrons the best baseball and some of them spent but little money in the effort to better their teams. The Federal league stepped in and made things so lively that all of the American and National league owners began to look for new material and to pay good prices for players. This resulted in better baseball in every city in both the American and National.

The players also benefited by the war. Many players who were having trouble over salary and being transferred to other clubs were able to get their own terms in the two old major organizations. Failing to do this they jumped to the Federals. This was true of Joe Tinker, Lee Magee and other well known players. The inroads probably were greater in the National than in the American league.

The settlement of the strife will cause many new alignments. Phil Ball, one of the principal owners of the St. Louis Federals and Otto Stifel have purchased the St. Louis American team. They will have the pick of the players of the two teams and with Fielder Jones as manager there is but little doubt that St. Louis will have a team that will be up and fighting for the top in Ban Johnson's league.

In Chicago, Charles Weeghman, owner and backer of the Feds has purchased the famous Cubs. Joe Tinker will go back to his first love as manager. Tinker with the pick of the Feds and Cubs will make someone step to beat him out of first place in the old league. Tinker probably will take Max Flack, Art Wilson, Mike Prendergast and McConnell over to Cubs and perhaps other players from Fed team. It may be however, that in the new agreement some of the players who jumped their teams will have to go back to them. If this should be the case it would return Wilson to the Giants with whom he played prior to joining the outlaw league, Grover Hartley who was first string catcher with the St. Louis Feds also jumped from New York. Hartley has developed into a first class catcher and as he is much younger than Wilson, McGraw probably would rather have him.

Jimmy Callahan goes to the Pirates as manager succeeding Fred Clarke. Clarke has threatened to quit for several years. In fact ever since he gave up active playing he has always wanted to quit. However, Dreyfus prevailed upon him to stick and he stayed on and always gave Pittsburgh fans a good ball team. Clarke was a great player, likewise a great manager and was a credit to the game. There will be thousands of fans who will regret his retirement from active service.

The securing of Jimmy Callahan to manage the Pirates brings up the question often asked in the last few years, "Why isn't Honus Wagner made manager of the Pittsburgh team?" Wagner is still a great player and has signed a contract for

next year. He has for several years been captain of the team. It also is well known that during the last few years, it is a popular and probably well founded supposition that Wagner's contract is sent to him blank and he is allowed to fill in his own figures. Despite his eighteen years of service Wagner is one of the most valuable men in the game and one whom probably any team in either of the major leagues would be glad to have.

The reason Wagner was not appointed manager of the Pirates is easy to answer. He was tendered the managership when Clarke first talked of quitting and refused it. It was then that Dreyfus prevailed on Clarke to remain. Wagner is a modest and retiring fellow and does not care to be in the limelight. He no doubt also realized that the managership of the team might add cares to his work that would impair his work as a player. It will be noted that when Jimmy Callahan took the managership the first man he consulted with was Wagner. He asked him about the place to train and when Wagner expressed himself as opposed to Hot Springs, where the Pirates have gone for several years, that place was cut off of the list and the pirates will seek new training grounds in the spring.

We said last week that the organizing of the Federal league had been a blow to the minors playing under organized protection. That this statement was true is revealed by a story in a Bloomington paper last week which stated that the Bloomington team in the Three Eye was almost swamped by the jumping of players. This team lost Bluejacket and Kuepper and one or two others. The loss of the players was not only a handicap in the matter of winning games but the sale of them was also lost. It is the sale of promising youngsters to the big leagues that keeps most minor league teams in the game. Peoria also was hard hit by the jumping of Prendergast and Flack. These players were a big asset of the Peoria club and had they remained with the team it is probable that their sale would have turned several hundred dollars into the club's treasury. This brings to mind a story that appeared in a Peoria paper a few days ago about the settlement of the baseball war between the big guns. This paper asked, and pertinently too, what was going to become of the minor leagues in the final settlement. That is what many others are going to ask. It is going to make the minor leagues wonder if the protection they are supposed to get under the national agreement is not all myth.

For instance it is almost sure that Tinker will take Prendergast and Flack to the Cubs. Under the National agreement and under all rules of fairness these players are the property of the Peoria club. That club should be allowed to hold them and sell them to the highest bidder. It would mean many good hard dollars to the club, something that might be good to minor league promoters. But no one hears of the minor leagues. They are lost sight of. Many players jumped from the minors to the Federal league during the baseball war. But if they are good the National and American probably will retain them and not consult the minor league owners. It is surely unjust to say the least and it may bring to pass a condition of warfare that will prove even more disastrous than that which has just been settled. The minors have been helping keep organized baseball together for a good many years now and about all that they have ever got out of it is the worst of it. Some day the minors will wake up. When they do they may make it unpleasant for the big moguls who are taking all the meat at the present time and leaving the bones for the little fellows.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Thompson will leave today for St. Louis to remain until Tuesday when they will start to California to spend the winter. They will be at San Diego the greater part of the time.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Centenary M. E. church, G. W. Flagg, pastor.—9:30 a. m., Sunday school, Albert C. Meccall superintendent. 10:45 a. m., address by the Rev. John W. Hancher, D. D., subject, "The Educational Program of the Church." This is an address our people cannot afford to miss. It will present to them a vision of the great aim of the whole Methodism in its educational work—something large enough to be an inspiration to all. While Dr. Hancher is here in the interest of the Woman's college, this service is not for the purpose of taking an offering for, or soliciting subscriptions to the college. Come and hear Dr. Hancher. 2:30 p. m., Junior Epworth league. 6:30 p. m., Senior Epworth league. 7:30 p. m., a program of Christmas music will be given by the choir and organist. There will also be special music at the morning service. The musical program of both services appears elsewhere in this issue.

Central Christian church, Myron L. Pontius, pastor.—Bible school 9:30, Charles L. Mathis, superintendent. Christmas exercises by the children in the Primary and Beginners' department at this hour. Morning worship at 10:45; theme of sermon, "The Program of Jesus." Mrs. Julian Hall will sing. Christian Endeavor service at 6:30. Miss Florence Rice, leader. The evening service at 7:30 will be a sacred concert under the direction of the choir, Mr. J. Philip Read leader. Violin solo by Mr. Dean Cochran. The choir will give a Christmas cantata, assisted by Mrs. Julian Hall, soloist. Miss Alice Mathis organist. The public is cordially invited.

Congregational church.—Bible school at 9:30 a. m. Brotherhood Bible class at 9:30 a. m. Morning worship at 10:45. Christmas music will be given by Miss Mabel Matthews, accompanied by Dean Cochran on violin. Evening worship at 7:30; subject, "The Book and Learning," seventh in the series on "The Bible the World's Book."

Northminster church, W. E. Spooner, pastor.—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching service at 10:45 a. m.; subject, "Our Riches in Christ's Poverty." Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. The subject at the evening preaching service at 7:30 will be "God With Us."

First Church of Christ, Scientist.—Regular services are held in the Huntington building, No. 333 West State street, on Sunday at 11 a. m. Subject, "Christian Science." Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Testimonial meeting Wednesday at 7:45 p. m. The reading room is open each week day from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the reading room.

Westminster Presbyterian church.—Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m. Morning service 10:45. Christmas sermon by Rev. F. M. Rule. No evening service.

First Baptist church, Percy W. Stephens, minister.—Morning worship at 10:45. Special Christmas music by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Lucy D. Kolp of the Woman's college. The pastor's sermon topic will be "If He Had Not Come." At 7:30 p. m. the Sunday school will give the beautiful White Gift service. It is the most remarkable Christmas service ever prepared. The auditorium will be decorated, and the pastor will give a short message, using as his text a large electric star. Carl H. Weber, superintendent of the Sunday school, will preside at the service. The Bible school meets at 9:30 a. m. Mission Sunday school at 2:30; Junior Union at 3. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30. Remember the "Watch Night" program with its three sections. "Thanksgiving Ann" will present "Systematics." All are invited. Begin the new year with the New Testament. The entire book will be read thru at the church. Reading begins January 1 at 6 a. m. and will probably finish at about 9 p. m.

Brooklyn Church—There will be special Christmas services both morning and evening. Rev. W. L. Theobald of Catlin, Ill., will preach at 10:45 a. m. There will be special Christmas music at 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach. Subject, The Christ Child. This sermon will be illustrated by stereopticon pictures. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m.

State Street Presbyterian church.—Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock. Preaching service at 10:45. Dr. Morey will fill the pulpit. There will be no evening service. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. A cordial invitation is extended the public to all services.

Trinity Episcopal Church—Holy Communion at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:30. Sermon at 10:45.—J. E. Langton, minister.

Grace Methodist Episcopal church.—Bishop McDowell, of Chicago, will speak at 10:45 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. a program of Christmas readings and carols will be given. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. A Christmas welcome for all.

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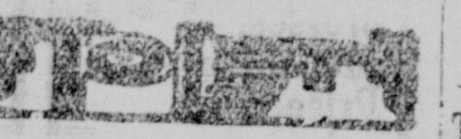
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FOR SALE—Fancy apples, sweet and Irish potatoes and turnips, delivered. L. H. James. Illinois phone 86. 12-4-1t

FOR SALE—Second hand glass in frames suitable for chicken houses and hotheds. Call at 231 W. Court street. 12-12-1t

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LOST and FOUND

LOST—Thursday evening a new quilt, with blue and black check lining, between Michigan avenue and the square. Finder please leave at Journal Office. 12-25-6t

LOST—\$16 between C. J. Deppe and Co., and Bassett's Jewelry Store. Reward return to Journal office. 12-25-4t

LOST—Bundle containing wrapper, shirt waist, pair of gloves, Saturday morning. Reward, return Runke's Grocery store. Hooker street. 12-26-1t

LOST—Between East College avenue and Lafayette avenue child's umbrella. Reward for return to Journal office. 12-26-1t

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WHITE GIFT SERVICE TONIGHT AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Following is the program of the "White Gift" service which will be held at the First Baptist church this evening at 7:30:
Organ Prelude, March of the Magi Kings, Du Bois—Mrs. Kolp.
Christmas Chimes, Roper—Mr. Richardson.
Hymn No. 105, "Joy to the World"—Congregation.
Prayer—Dr. G. H. Kopperl.
Reading, "The Legend of the Cathay"—Miss Laura Hammond.
Hymn No. 108, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"—Congregation.
Scripture Reading, "The Birth of the King" Matt. 2:7-11, Luke 2:8-14—Pastor Percy W. Stephens.
Song, "Little Gifts for the King" Group of Beginners.
Presentation of White Gifts to the King—Beginner's Department.
Christmas story—Primary School.

Presentation of White Gifts to the King—Primary Department.
Christmas Recitation, "Others"—Helen Turner.

Presentation of White Gifts to the King—Junior Department.
Solo, "The Birthday of a King," Niedlinger—Miss Hilma Franz.

Presentation of White Gifts to the King—Intermediate Department.
Organ Quartet, "O Quiet Night," Niedlinger—Misses Breitwieser, Huss, Long and Kolp.

Presentation of White Gifts to the King—Adult and Home Departments.
Sermonette, "The Message of the Star"—Pastor Percy W. Stephens.

Hymn No. —, "What Hast Thou Done for Me?"—Congregation.
Supreme Gifts to the King.
Benediction.

Organ Postlude, Triumphant March Gullman—Mrs. Kolp.

STRENUOUS WORK FOR STREET CAR COMPANY.

Friday night the street railway people were confronted by a condition and not a theory and had to act accordingly. It was seen that it would be dangerous to let the tracks get clogged and so three cars were kept going at intervals the entire night and the way kept open. It was hard work for the men but they persevered and yesterday the cars ran practically on regular schedule which was much appreciated by the people.

They had one experience a little peculiar and what might be termed a fortunate accident. During the night Supt. Kuchman received word that a car was off the track on Parnassus Hill and hastened to the place and managed to get the car on the track again but it acted strangely and going around the curve into West State street it wobbled strangely. However they went on with it and just as it landed at its final destination in the car barn an axle came in two having been broken when the car went off the track. How it held up is a mystery but it did so and saved the great trouble that would have ensued bringing it in, had it gone down on Parnassus Hill.

DECORATED GRAVES.

Harry Hofmann was busy yesterday decorating several graves in Diamond Grove cemetery. A number of people in the city have a pleasant practice of employing a florist at this season of the year to go to the cemetery, removing the snow and place on the resting places of the dead tokens of love and esteem. This work Mr. Hofmann does in person when it is committed to him. Sometimes he is even obliged to use a wagon, the yesterday he was able to get the offerings into a large buggy.

EXECUTORS' SALE.

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, December 30, at 12:30 p. m. at the late residence of John Albert Hemmrough, 4 miles southeast of Jacksonville, the undersigned executor of the will of said decedent will sell at public sale:

42 feeding cattle, weight about 1100 pounds.
81 stock hogs, immune, weight about 200 pounds. Among these a number suitable for breeding.
35 stock pigs, immune, weight about 125 pounds.
65 fall pigs.
3 Jersey cows.
Gray mare with foal.
4 year old draft colt.
2 draft mare colts 2 years old.
3000 bushels, more or less, of corn in crib.
200 shocks of corn.
300 bushels oats.

Terms: All sums of ten dollars and under cash. On all sums over ten dollars a credit of six months will be given, the purchaser to give note with approved security before removal of property, all notes to draw six per cent interest from date of sale.

The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company, executors of the last will and testament of John Albert Hemmrough, deceased.
Lunch served by the Asbury Ladies Aid society.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Martha A. Whiteman, deceased.

The undersigned, having been appointed administrator of the estate of Martha A. Whiteman, late of the county of Morgan and state of Illinois, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Morgan county, at the court house in Jacksonville, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted.

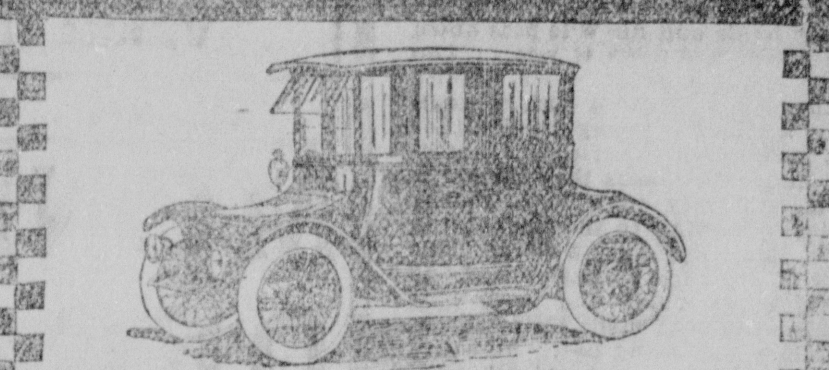
All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 18th day of December, A. D. 1915.

CHARLIE WHITEMAN, Administrator.

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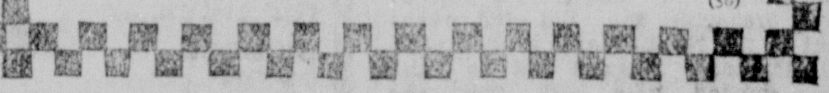


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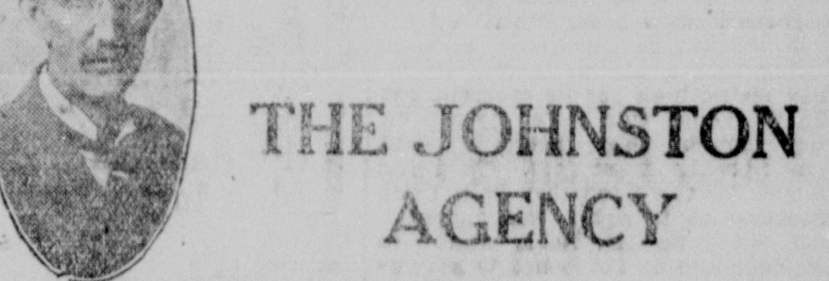
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S. B. HOWARD, Immigration Agent
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HENRY NOBLE'S CHRISTMAS

There goes a couple whose hearts long ago turned to gristle was the remark of one of a group in the little city of Dothan as they watched Henry Noble and his wife pass down the street, and true it was. The twain had married when quite young and began life with a small farm left by the young man's father but ambitious to be rich and knowing little of business they mistakenly thought they could make money faster by moving to the neighboring town and opening a store. This they did and for a time seemed to flourish but older and more able competitors soon made their venture a failure and losing nearly all they had they forthwith hated all mankind, blaming every one but themselves for their lack of success.

They vowed they would be well off again if within the bounds of possibility and going to work they soon accumulated a few hundreds by close application and rigid economy and then decided to seek a newer country, and settled in Dothan, a town just laid out, and bought a tract of land adjacent to it for a comparatively small sum. In a few years the town had grown so that a new railroad decided to make it a division point and had to have part of the Noble land for shops for which the owner made them pay roundly. He laid off the rest in lots and with the rapid increase of the place found himself comparatively wealthy and continuing his real estate deals he became the richest man in the place and as the means of the twain increased their hearts became all the harder.

They built themselves a beautiful home with handsome grounds about it but few enjoyed it with them and the few were glad to get away from the frigid atmosphere which surrounded it. It was the day before Christmas and nearly every home was preparing for the glad event out in the Noble mansion no especial happiness reigned and as the two wended their way from the business part of the place they agreed they were glad they had no children to litter up the house with their trash.

In striking contrast with these was Tom Kemble, an industrious mechanic who had, early given his life to the care of invalid parents, but he and his devoted wife made no complaint and when the old people were laid away the minister gave them such words of commendation not often heard. But both sickened and died the same day, leaving their little four year old Katie to the tender mercies of the world for neither had any relatives near. Pitifully the little one pleaded that she wanted to see her papa and mamma as they lay prepared for the grave but kind neighbors told her they had gone to heaven and she would see them some day no doubt.

As Henry Noble and his wife were sitting before the grate fire which they maintained for its cheerfulness tho the house was heated by steam, they thought they heard a timid knock on the front door. Thinking it must be the wind they paid little attention to it but it was repeated and this time Mr. Noble went to the door and as he opened it he was confronted by such a vision of loveliness as he had seldom witnessed. A little child with lovely curls hanging over her forehead and neck looked timidly into his face and said:

"Please sir, will you tell me the way to heaven? My papa and mamma has been so sick and then they went to sleep and now they say they are in heaven and I want to see them so much."

Mrs. Noble joined her husband during the words of the child who looked up so pitifully and with such pleading eyes. "O please sir, take me there. I am so lonesome without my papa and mamma to love me." And as the two looked into the face of the child their heart surrounding of adament which had successfully resisted the attacks of all mankind for decades gave way; the doors to the citadels which could not be made to yield to the most strenuous efforts of their fellow men had been opened by a baby hand.

Reaching out her arms Mrs. Noble took the plaintive little one into the room and sitting before the fire both tried to soothe her as best they might but it was awkward work indeed. But love will tell and the little one gradually became calmed and was soon asleep in the arms of her newly found friend who folded her tightly to her heart while Henry Noble, for the first time in many years, found himself unable to speak till he went to the window and cleared his throat and wiped his eyes at the same time calling himself a variety of names for his weakness. The child was not missed for some time, each kind neighbor supposing another had the little one in hand, till finally bedtime came and she was nowhere to be found. Summoning the police arrangements were soon made to send a squad of men down each street with instructions to inquire at every house for the little one. As the three who were investigating Center street reached the home of Henry Noble one remarked:

"No use to go in there; if Henry Noble met the child at his door he'd kick her into the street."

"I'd pity her if she did strike the place."

"Guess I'll go in and ask."

"But they told us to visit each house, so you talk us go slowly and I'll overtake you."

And reaching the door the man gave a thundering knock ignoring the bell entirely.

"Seen anything of Tom Kemble's little girl? She's lost."

"Guess we've got her here," said Noble and peering thru the hall door the man saw Mrs. Noble with the child in her arms gently rocking

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This Sale is positively the greatest money-saving event the people of Jacksonville have ever experienced. Read every item carefully.

DRESSES Ladies' all wool serge dresses, values up to \$6.50, Monday's Price..... \$1	SUITS Ladies' all wool suits, full satin lined, values up to \$12, Monday, the garment \$1	RAINCOATS Guaranteed water proof rain coats, \$3 values, Monday's Price..... \$1	MILLINERY \$5 Trimmed Hats, 200 to pick from, Monday's Price, only..... \$1	APRONS 50c full length percale and ging-ham aprons, Monday's Price, 4 for \$1	House Dresses \$2.00 gingham house dresses, all sizes, Monday's Price, 2 for..... \$1
FURS White Ireland Fox fur neck pieces, \$3.00 values, Monday's Price..... \$1	COATS All wool coats in covers and checks, up to \$6 values, Monday's Price..... \$1	WAISTS \$1.25 silk and cotton washwaists Monday's Price, all sizes, two for..... \$1	Children's Dresses 50c Children's gingham dresses, all sizes, Monday's Price, 4 for..... \$1	SILK PETTICOATS \$2.00 Silk Petticoats, regular and extra sizes, all colors, Monday's Price..... \$1	Silk Waists \$2 new silk plaid Waists, all sizes, Monday's Price, only..... \$1
Petticoats 50c gingham Petticoats, all sizes, Monday's Price, four for..... \$1	Kimonos \$2.00 Kimonos, in all colors and sizes, Monday's Price, only..... \$1	Children's Furs \$2.50 Children's white Fur Sets, Monday's Price, only..... \$1	Wool Dresses \$2.95 Children's all-wool serge dresses, Monday's Price, only..... \$1	Untrimmed Hats Your choice of any silk velvet untrimmed in the house, value to \$5, Monday at..... \$1	Sweater Coats \$3.50 Ladies' all wool Sweater Coats, Monday's Price.. \$1
Boys' Suits \$5.00 boys' all wool Suits sizes 2 to 7, the garment, Monday..... \$1	Middies \$1 Middies all sizes and kinds, Monday's Price, 2 for..... \$1	Wool Skirts \$2.50 ladies' all wool skirts, colors black, green, brown and navy, all sizes, Monday..... \$1	Children's Hats \$2 children's plush and velvet trimmed Hats, Monday's Price, 2 for..... \$1	Bath Robes \$3 Ladies' Bath Robes, all colors and sizes, Monday's Price, only..... \$1	Silk Petticoats \$1.25 Sullivan guaranteed silk Petticoats, all sizes, Monday's Price, 2 for..... \$1

COAT & SUIT SPECIAL for MONDAY

COATS \$10 & \$11.50 WINTER \$2.98 Big black and white checks, silk-lined diagonals and loose chinchilla balmacans — all newest styles—all colors and sizes—	COATS \$12.50, \$13.75 & \$15 \$4.98 Genuine Wool Astrakhans, fur-trimmed Silky Zibelines, novelty plaids and corduroys—many fur trimmed—china chin collar and plain styles—	COATS \$25, \$27.50 & \$29.75 \$10.75 Rich silk plushes, silk astrakhans, silk velours and corduroys—belted and plain flare styles—with fur trimmings—all sizes for misses and women—	SUITS \$12.50 & \$15 \$3.98 Fine Silk-braided Suits, with guaranteed satin linings—also a few odd serge, gabardine and wool poplin Suits from our regular stock—positively a sensational bargain—	SUITS \$17.50 & \$18.50 \$7.98 Fur-trimmed Black Broadcloths, in the new Russian Blouse style—also fur-trimmed serges in box coat and military styles—all beautifully lined with yarn dyed satins—	SUITS \$22.50 & \$45.00 \$12.00 Suits that formerly sold up to \$45 (and not exaggerated values). Your unrestricted choice of the whole House—our finest broadcloths, velvets, corduroys, gabardines and other high-grade Suits—all go in this sale for \$12.00.
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her by the fire. Had the earth opened and swallowed him up he couldn't have been more surprised. "Why, I thought—that is—why you see—we—see, why it is—we thought—", and for sheer astonishment the man could say no more. Stung to the quick by the man's demeanor Noble said they would care for the child and closed the door.

Overtaking his comrades he was confronted with jeers.

"Now don't fool away any more time on wild goose chases."

"Come on and let's find that child where she'd like to be."

"I did find her and Mrs. Noble is just now rockin' her to sleep before the fire."

"O, tell us something easier than that."

"Talk about dead horses swimmin' the creek; or dead birds flyin' over the sea, or water runnin' up hill, but don't tell me Henry Noble an' his wife tuk in that baby."

"But I tell you they did," and hardly persuading his companions they returned and gave the news and everywhere found most disturbing hearsay.

For hours the two watched the little sleeper who finally woke with a start and again asked for her parents but with strenuous efforts she was calmed and then handing her to her husband who awkwardly took the little one as if she had been a great glass bottle, Mrs. Noble fixed a temporary bed for the child

beside her own and then took her to it and prepared her for the night.

"I say my prayers," said the little one kneeling beside the sofa as in an artless manner she sweetly said, "Now I lay me down to sleep."

With moist eyes the twain regarded her a few moments and soon she was sleeping out many times during the night Mrs. Noble rose and went to the bedside of the little one who occasionally moaned in her sleep, and stroked away the curls and kissed the little forehead. When they arose in the morning the little guest was still sleeping and gazing at her Mr. Noble said:

"Shall I take her back before breakfast?"

"Take her back?" said Mrs. Noble, eyeing him fiercely. "Take her back, did you say?"

"Why, I am in no hurry, but I supposed you would want the child returned."

"Do you want her returned?"

"Well, really I can hardly say I do."

"No, nor I. Henry Noble, I have not slept a moment all night. I have been looking into my soul as never before and I find only empty bitterness there. A soul dwarfed by selfishness, greed and eagerness for gain. And how has it been with you?"

"That baby has turned my eyes inward as they have not been turned for many, many years. Mary, how fruitless, how selfish, how barren our lives have been."

As soon as the principal dealer in toys opened his store he had a telephone call which caused him almost to faint away.

"Is this J. S. Heap's toy store?"

"It is."

"Send down to Henry Noble's a doll, a ball and anything else a little girl about four years old would like."

"Excuse me; where did you say send the things?"

"To Henry Noble's, 736 Center street."

"Do I hear you alright: Henry Noble's?"

"Yes, Henry Noble's", and Henry Noble couldn't help hearing the exclamations of astonishment as the man hung up the receiver.

It would have been amusing had it not been pathetic to see the two try to wash and dress the little one but they manifested so much affection that they almost won the precious little waif.

When Mrs. Noble stepped into the dining room and told the maid to put on a plate for the child the girl in her utter astonishment dropped a pitcher which went crashing to the floor and broke into fragments and when she failed to receive a furious reprimand she was almost as much astonished again.

Large books were placed on a chair and the three gathered around the table but as soon as they were seated the child folded her hands,

saying: "Papa always talked to God 'fore he eated." And she looked inquiringly into the faces of her newly found friends. Again the eyes of the two were moist but Henry Noble was obliged to mutter something to satisfy the little one.

As the twain made known their desire to keep the child and as they mentioned the matter to the neighbors and the county judge by whose authority they would have possession they were so constantly met with looks of absolute surprise that they were made to feel the reputation they had established in ways that filled them with pain and abasement. The utter emptiness of their lives was made more and more apparent and they looked with almost envy on hard working, humble mechanics who had no such errors to answer for and over and over again they declared their intention to atone for the past.

When Sunday came and the bells rang the little one said: "I must go to Sunday school; papa always took me; won't you?"

The husband and wife looked at each other in bewilderment; neither had seen the inside of a church in twenty years; but the pleading of the child couldn't be resisted so with shamefaced looks Henry Noble appeared at the door of the lecture room with the child. The superintendent was a man of good sense and strenuously concealed his amazement and suffered Mr. Noble

to take an inconspicuous seat and wait for the close which to him was a long time coming and he hastened away as fast as possible. The ordeal was repeated till it came easier and finally the wise pastor managed to meet Mr. Noble, casually as it were, and talk pleasantly with him and some of the ladies called on Mrs. Noble and finally they were induced to attend church with the precious child between them. As the little one serenely slept in her foster mother's arms they listened to an earnest discourse and were kindly accosted by a number as they were leaving.

Gradually the hearts so long unkindly of anything but themselves became softened and soon it was discovered that if any one wanted anything especial of Henry Noble or his wife it was sure to come if they could get the baby to ask for it. More than one destitute home was gladdened by kindly ministrations supplied by the bounty of the pair who had never before known what it was to feel for the need of others and gradually the little child led them unconsciously along the path to a better life. The good minister was a man of much common sense and refrained from urging any decisive steps in particular but manifested a kindly interest in his newly found friends but it was plain that the heaven was working.

Christmas was approaching and the anniversary of the happiest

event in the lives of Henry and Mary Noble would come on Sunday and then it was that before the world the pair who so long had wandered far away from the better way acknowledged before the world their allegiance to Him who said: "Suffer the little children and forbid them not to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

D. Ziegler of Petersburg called on Jacksonville friends yesterday.

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And go home with the cows.

I feel myself slipping, remarked
1915.

Oh, well, we never expected to
get many Christmas presents.

Wisconsin doctors advise those
who want to be healthy to eat lots
of limburger cheese. We don't know
about the healthy part but it should
make one strong.

Sir John Rhye died in England
the other day. Montreal Rye, Old
Morgan Rye and several others of
that name have died in this country
in the last few years.

Many women who got married on
Christmas day thinking they were
drawing a prize will probably find
that they only got a blank by the
time July arrives.

Villa agrees to make his home in
the United States, the despatches
tell us. So far we have not heard
of any committees being appointed
to extend him a welcome.

A man received a letter the other
day that was written in 1861. It
must have been mailed in Philadel-
phia.

From all that can be learned sev-
eral Christmas stockings had holes
in them.

Don't Shoot.

Henry Ford is returning from
Europe. Maybe he can't a-Ford to
stay over there.

About the only thing that can be
said of the difference between this
country and the warring nations of
Europe is that they make filler for
newspapers, but the trouble is that
it is poor filler.

Aftermath.

Christmas
Turkey
Fruitcake
Pie
Indigestion
Almost
Die.

Moving Picture Ad.

"Today", beginning tomorrow.
Also, "Alone at Last", with Kitty
Morton.

A good many men whose wives
bought them cigars for Christmas
probably will be ready to swear off
on the first of the year.

It is probable that the members
of the Morgan County Republican
central committee will find that
their action a few weeks ago is not
in sympathy with the majority of
rank and file of the county.

Editor McNabb of the Carrollton
Gazette uses about a column every
week to roast Editor Bell of the
White Hall Register. If Editor Bell
should ever see the error of his ways
and return to the support of Con-
gressman Rainey, Editor McNabb
would be mighty lonesome and he
also would have a lot of things to
apologize for that he has been say-
ing about the White Hall editor.

Trappers of fur bearing animals
have been busy in the vicinity re-
cently and a certain well known ball
player and his companion went out
recently and set their traps. At an
early hour of the morning after they
started out to collect their suppos-
edly big game. One large bear trap
contained an innocent rat of the
stock yard variety and the other
trap contained a poor little snow-
bird. The trappers claim they had
some large beast in one of the traps
but it evidently got away and that
the little snow-bird came and lay in
the trap, dying from the effects of
an operation for appendicitis.

We received Christmas greetings
from W. Kee Maxwell of the Peoria
Journal the other day. We don't
know whether Max wrote the verses
or not. We do know, however, that
he can write just as good verse and
as they sound like him and are
worth printing we present them
herewith.

The Yesterdays.

I sometimes think the yesterdays
are fairer, sweeter far
Than any days that are to be or
any days that are;
As distance lends a softness to the
far horizon line,
So time its glamor weaves about the
days of auld lang syne.

The friends of youth seem dearer
than the friends we know today
The world was brighter, lighter in
the years of faraway;
The blossoms on the orchard trees a
sautier fragrance blew,
And all the roses seemed to wear a
rarer, fairer hue.

And oh, the joys of yesterday are
deeper grown with time,
Our ancient woes are sweetened,
Older sorrows made sublime;
And all the dreams that seemed to
die, the things that could not be,
The prayers of life unanswered, still
live on in memory.

Today may bring us happiness, to-
morrow lure us on,
But something ever turns our hearts
to other days long gone.
And blessed is the life which sees
thru recollections' haze
The tenderness and sweetness of its
hallowed yesterdays!

W. Kee Maxwell.

Too True.

Yes, girlie, your dear old grand-
mother may have smoked a clay
pipe in secret, but she didn't powder
her nose or show a yard of her leg
in public.—Meredonia Budget.

LEST YOU
FORGET

SPECIAL SALES all thru the store in
Staple Linens as well as Holiday Goods

Splendid values of the Season's most recent
styles in our Coat and Suit Department

You can buy here at January Clearing Sale Prices and
choose from a large and complete stock of Ladies',
Misses' and Children's Ready-made Garments that are
new, fresh and clean.

ATTRACTIVE OFFERINGS ALL THRU THE STORE

C. J. DEPPE & CO.

We wish you heartily
the season's greetings
and assure you of our
keenest appreciation
of your good will and
patronage

JOHNSON, HACKETT
& GUTHRIE

PHONES 800.
HILLERBY'S
DRY GOODS STORE.

Well, CHRISTMAS has come and gone. We hope Santa Claus left you
a goodly share of just the things you wanted. The roads have been
pretty bad, tho, and maybe he left the coin for you to buy what you
please. We are going to begin at once closing out everything that is
left of Christmas goods. If you want to change some of that Santa
Claus coin for Dry Goods we can suit you. Here's a list of useful
things you will certainly need.

Sweaters Home-made Comforts
Ladies' Bath Robes Auto Robes
Table Linen and Napkins Men's Neckwear
Umbrellas

There's many odd lots too small to advertise we are closing out at tiny
prices. You'll have to come down and see our offerings. Save your
20c Stamps and you can get most anything free. Be sure to ask for
them—they cost you nothing.

Safest Place to Trade.

25c
GRAB
SALE

Our 11th annual Grab
Sale starts at 9 o'clock
Tuesday morning, Dec.
28th, and continues un-
til all our holiday stock
is gone. Twenty-five
cents may get you the
large \$20 White Ivory
Toilet Set. Guaranteed
25 cents worth or more
for every quarter you
spend.

ARMSTRONGS'
DRUG STORE

The Quality Store

S. W. Cor. Square, Jacksonville, Ill.

OFFER TAXES AND SERVICES
OF CHAUFFEURS TO THE STATE

Chicago Company Makes Offer to the
Illinois National Guard—Thom-
pson Suggests Drivers Receive
Military Training.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—When the
Chicago regiments of the Illinois
National Guard mobilize again they
may be rushed to the rendezvous in
taxicabs after the European war
system. An offer of four hundred
taxicabs and the services of five hun-
dred trained chauffeurs has been
made to the state it was announced
today by Mayor Thompson. The ve-
hicles are owned by a local taxicab
company and the offer includes a
suggestion that the adjutant general
of the Illinois National Guard ar-
range to have the chauffeurs receive
military training that they might be
of service should they be called up-
on. In a letter sent to Frank S.
Dickson, adjutant general at Spring-
field, Ill., Mayor Thompson after
telling of the offer of the taxicab
company said:

"It has occurred to me that the
officers of the Chicago regiments of
the Illinois National Guard would
be eager to grasp such an opportu-
nity to increase the efficiency of their
regiments by means of this quick
transportation and would be glad to
furnish the use of armories, togeth-
er with officers to drill the drivers,
as well as to conduct experiments
in seeing how quickly a sufficient
number of taxicabs could be assem-
bled at a given armory to load and
transport a regiment to a given
point."

Special Holiday Clearance Grab
Sale—Monday and Tuesday—25c a
grab. Values up to \$10.00.
J. A. OBERMEYER & SON.

A SUITABLE GIFT.

Miss Pearl Hughes, teacher of the
Narrows school, was the recipient of
a handsome friendship bracelet as a
Christmas remembrance from her
pupils. The ten links composing it
are to be inscribed with the letters
"The Narrows." It is needless to say
any teacher would be grateful for
such a remembrance.



THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and
bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures
diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheuma-
tism and all irregularities of the kidneys and
bladder in both men and women. If not sold
by your druggist, will be sent by mail on re-
ceipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months'
treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure.
Send for testimonials from this and other
States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 202 Olive Street,
St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

SITUATION IN THE BALKANS
IS WITHOUT MODIFICATION

PARIS, Dec. 25.—A Saloniki dis-
patch to the Temps dated Friday
says:

"The situation is without modifi-
cation. The Bulgarians remain at
the frontier on Serbian territory.
Trustworthy information announces
a large concentration of troops
which may mean an offensive at an
early date.

"Bulgarians are assembling on the
front comprising Monastir, Givogeli
and Doiran. If an attack is begun
against the allies' positions, it doubt-
less will be led simultaneously from
the west by Monastir, from the cen-
ter by the Vardar valley and from
the east by the valley of the Stru-
mica.

"The entrenched camp of the
Anglo-French forces is now prepa-
red to stand an attack."

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DR. COOK IS MAKING HIS WAY
ACROSS SIBERIA; TO RETURN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 25.
—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Amer-
ican explorer, who went to India in
June to ascend the Himalaya Moun-
tains and was detained in India for
five weeks as a German spy is mak-
ing his way across Siberia, intend-
ing to return to New York, accord-
ing to E. S. Brooks, a motion pic-
ture operator with Cook's party.
Brooks left Dr. Cook and his com-
panion, F. P. Thompson, November
30th, at Yokohama, Japan, and ar-
rived here today on the Steamer
Dairen Maru.

TURKEY Dinner today, 25 CENTS
a plate. 11:30 to 2. HALL'S Cafe.

MISS SWEENEY IMPROVING.

Word came to Mr. and Mrs. D. E.
Sweeney, a few days ago that, their
daughter, Miss Elizabeth Sweeney,
who had intended to spend the hol-
idays in Jacksonville, was down with
diphtheria and quarantined in Chi-
cago. A telegram received yester-
day from Scott Sweeney, who went
to Chicago, stated that she was con-
valescent and would probably be at
home before New Year's day.

THE PRECIPITATION.

The precipitation for Friday and
Saturday was .78 inch, according to
G. H. Hall, weather observer at
Alexander. The depths of the snow
Mr. Hall estimates at 8 1-2 inches.

DETAIN AMERICAN STEAMER.

London, Dec. 21.—(Delayed by
censor)—A despatch to Lloyds from
Malta says that the American Le-
vant steamer Montana has been de-
tained there.

WE EXTEND THE
Season's Greetings
To Our
PATRONS AND FRIENDS
And Are Thankful
For Patronage the Past Year

Mollenbrok & McCullough
Duncan Building

HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

*We wish all friends and patrons
A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year*

HOPPER & SON

ALEXANDER

Mrs. Kate Coker of New Berlin was a guest yesterday at the home of Mrs. John Ridder.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Little left Friday for a visit in Quincy, Mt. Sterling and Louisiana, Mo. They expect to be gone about ten days.

Mrs. Fred Grandjean of Springfield spent Christmas day in Alexander, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. William Aulabaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Luby of Island Grove were Christmas guests at the home of Mrs. Luby's sister, Mrs. Stevens of Bowling Green, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Strawn and Dr. and Mrs. Wade H. Schott ate Christmas dinner at the home of E. J. Kumble.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wiley and son, Louis Henry, were in Jacksonville Saturday, guests of Mrs. M. E. Slaughter.

Frank Tracy went to Jerseyville to spend Christmas at the home of his parents.

Wayne Kennett is spending the Christmas holidays in Saldora.

William Hermes of New Berlin was a guest at the home of Henry Ridder Saturday.

Miss Elizabeth Scheferkott of Jacksonville spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Rosa Scheferkott.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Proffitt have gone to Pana for a visit of several days.

Misses Edna and Elizabeth Relf spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Masters, Jacksonville.

Mrs. Samuel Wagner is making a holiday visit with Jacksonville relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Gaul and daughter, Nellie, of Bloomington, are visiting Mr. Gaul's mother, Mrs. Bridget Gaul for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Strawn ate Christmas dinner with Mrs. E. J. Funk of Jacksonville.

Misses Theresa and Rose Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ludwig and Edward Hermes were dinner guests Christmas day at the home of Michael Weigand.

TO FIGHT THE BIG DRIFTS.

Get Your Snow shovels at
GAY'S RELIABLE HARDWARE

POULTRY WINS AT VIRDEN.

James C. Weber has returned from Virden, where he attended the poultry show. The J. C. & A. P. Weber Orpingtons won a cup for the best pen of birds in the English class, a cup for the highest scoring Orpingtons, 1st cock, 1st cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet, 1st, 2nd and 3rd hen, and first pen.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE CAMPAIGN

Six Days More and \$30,000 Yet to be Secured.

The College needs its friends now as never before for the requirement of the Board of Education must be met by Jan. 1st or the institution cannot longer rank as a college.

You can aid with cash, with a pledge or with the gift of a mortgage or realty you may own.

HELP THE COLLEGE NOW.



Special convention of Jacksonville Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., Monday evening, at 6:30 o'clock for work in R. A. degree. Refreshments welcome.

Julius G. Strawn, E. H. P. John R. Phillips, Secretary.

A BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY.

Yesterday at 11 a. m. members of Hospitalier Commandery No. 31, Knights Templar, were directed to assemble in the asylum to drink to the health of the Grand Eminent Commander of the United States, who in this case it was the acting official, as the commander himself had obeyed the final summons.

The endeavor is to have all commanderies in the nation have the ceremony at the same time; so in the east it is at twelve; here at eleven, and farther west at ten and on the coast at nine. The impressive message from the commanding official is read and the entire occasion is one peculiarly beautiful and solemn, all honor being given the Great Commander, in whose divine name the order places its confidence.

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J. A. OBERMEYER & SON.

COME AND GET CHECKS.

The Journal requests that the proper authorities of the various charities which received donations in the Journal's United Christmas fund come to the office Monday morning receive the checks. Only one check was called for Saturday. It is desired that the accounts be closed as soon as possible and those authorized to receive the checks are urged and receive checks. Only one check is requested to call for them Monday.

SUING FOR INJURY.

C. M. Chipchase formerly of this city, who was injured in an automobile accident at Helena, Mont., as the result of running into a street car has sued the street car company for \$7,500.

WINCHESTER.

Leo Boylan returned to Beardstown Saturday noon after a short holiday visit in Winchester.

Elmer Mason arrived on the early train Christmas morning for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mason.

W. H. Kinison and daughter, Helen, left Saturday noon for Jacksonville to visit Mr. Kinison's mother, Mrs. Mary Kinison, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hieronymus and Mr. and Mrs. William Hieronymus of Beardstown and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cleary of Jacksonville spent Christmas day at the home of Charles Hieronymus.

Alonzo Ellis and family of White Hall are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mader.

Miss Ruth Reeder arrived home Saturday from Alsey to spend the holidays.

Ray Wallace of St. Louis is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, daughter Mary and son Lynn left Friday afternoon for St. Louis to visit the family of Len Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson of Canton are visiting relatives in Winchester.

TURKEY Dinner today, 25 CENTS a plate. 11:30 to 2. HALL'S Cafe.

DON'T ABUSE THE PRIVILEGE.

The Journal has been asked to call attention kindly to the use of telephones in business houses. Merchants are always glad to accommodate their customers and others to any reasonable degree, but only a short time since a reporter was in a store in which a lady was using the telephone and the merchant was impatiently waiting for her to get thru and remarked she had been at least ten minutes at the instrument already.

As before remarked, Jacksonville business men are glad to accommodate their customers and all others to any reasonable degree and only ask most kindly that patrons don't forget that they shouldn't use the telephone too long.

TURKEY Dinner today, 25 CENTS a plate. 11:30 to 2. HALL'S Cafe.

SPENT CHRISTMAS WITH RELATIVES.

David Estaque of Louisiana, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeFrates of Springfield, and Miss Nellie Seeger of Nokomis were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Vasconcellos of East College street. Mr. Estaque has been on his farm near Louisiana, Mo. Miss Seeger is principal of a school at Nokomis.

BURNS WANTS TO CALL OFF BOUT BETWEEN WILLIARD AND FULTON

Announcement is Made by T. S. Andrews, Who Says He Has Advised Burns Against Calling off the Fight.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 25.—Tommy Burns, New Orleans fight promoter, who planned to stage the fight between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., for the world's heavy weight championship, has advised T. S. Andrews of Milwaukee, his northern representative that he desires to call off the bout. This announcement was made here tonight by Mr. Andrews. The fight was to have been held in March.

Andrew's announcement followed closely on rumors from New Orleans that promoters of the bout had decided to substitute Frank Moran for Fulton.

Mr. Andrews said he knew nothing of the source of the Moran rumor.

According to Burns' telegram, New Orleans newspapers are not lending their support to the Fulton-Willard bout. Andrews said he had advised Burns against calling off the bout. He said the substitution of Moran for Fulton would be a serious mistake.

"I have told Burns that if he does not want the match I will gladly take it off his hands," Andrews added. "I will offer the boxers a \$25,000 purpose for a ten round bout here in February if the match at New Orleans falls thru."

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

AT BEREIA CHURCH
A Christmas program was given at Berea church Friday evening by the members of the Sunday school. The church was very prettily decorated and at the close of the exercises a large Christmas tree, with its presents for all, was greatly enjoyed, a real Santa Claus handing out the presents. The attendance was not so large on account of the snow, but all had a merry time. The program follows:

Music—Miss Turner.
Song, "Ring, Ring, Ring"—School.
Recitation, "Trouble in the Doll House"—Colette Brown.
Recitation, "Queer Christmas Gift"—Glen Hayes.
Recitation, "Poor Santa's Cake"—Irena Schaffer.
Recitation, "Overheard at Christmas"—Frank Robertson.
Recitation, "Holly and Mistletoe"—Gladys Winner.
Recitation, "A Riddle"—Russell Baker.
Recitation, "Lone Santa"—Elnore Robinson.
Song, "Santa, Dear Santa"—Colette Brown and Elnore Robinson.
Recitation, "Hard Times for George"—George Robinson.
Recitation, "A Lone Box"—Genevieve Schaffer.
Recitation, "Santa and the Mouse"—Mary Naul.
Recitation, "A Note to Santa"—Maude Winner.
Song.
Dialogue, "Old Mother Goose."

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ORATORIO SUCCESS.

FULLY PRESENTED
Jacksonville friends of Mr. D. M. Swarthout have received clippings of Decatur papers which speak in very complimentary terms of the presentation of the "Messiah," recently given under the direction of Mr. Swarthout. One critic wrote that "the company of singers entered intelligently and sympathetically into the spirit of the underlying oratorio and the presentation was faultless." Mrs. Helen Brown Read's solo work was greatly appreciated.

DOG GOT INTO SEWER.

As the result of the big snow, a dog fell into a sewer, about ten feet deep, Saturday afternoon, in the rear of the residence of Howard Wannamaker. The yelps of the dog aroused the neighbors and after attempting to get help from the other sources, Stewart Gunn, Mrs. Wannamaker and Miss Elizabeth Lapp secured a ladder and extricated the canine, which had been in there for a half a day.

GIFT FROM CALIFORNIA.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Hillerby are in receipt of a Christmas gift from Mrs. Hillerby's brother, J. W. Webster of Los Angeles, which proved as novel as it was acceptable. Mr. and Mrs. Hillerby received two boxes, one filled with California fruits and the other well packed with a large assortment of vegetables in perfect condition. In the box last named were fresh green peas, cauliflower, head lettuce, celery, spinach and green peppers.

JACKSONVILLE REBEKAS HAVE ANNUAL ELECTION.

At the regular meeting Friday night of Jacksonville Rebekah lodge No. 13 there were elected the following officers for the year ensuing:
Noble Grand—Mrs. Peyton Berry.
Vice Grand—Miss Minnie L. Scott.
Recording Sec'y.—Miss Edna Colby.
Financial Secretary—Mrs. C. O. Bayha.

Treasurer—Miss Esther Carlson.
Trustees—Walter L. Brown, J. C. Rothwell, Miss Amanda Schildman, Mrs. William Suhby and James Dickens.

CITY PLOWS AT WORK.

The citizens were very grateful on rising Christmas morning to find that the city plows had been at work. The unusual deep snow would have made it difficult to get about.

TRAMPS SEEK SHELTER.

According to the records, 392 tramps have been kept at the city hall over night, thus far in December. It scarcely happens that the same tramp returns for a sleeping place.

MAY

CHRISTMAS

bring you and yours much
Happiness

And Good Cheer.

MYERS
BROTHERS.

A Merry Christmas

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The spirit of the season prompts us to express to you appreciation of our pleasant business relations during the past year and to most heartily wish you health and prosperity for the coming year.

ANDRE & ANDRE

The Store of Today and Tomorrow

With Sincere Good Wishes

For Christmas and the coming year.

A. R. TAYLOR

221 West State St.

Store Open Until Noon Today.